

HB 3161- Integration of Renewable Portfolio Standards

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PUC Overview

- Economic regulator of investor-owned utilities:
 - Electric – PGE, PacifiCorp, and Idaho Power
 - Natural Gas – NW Natural, Cascade, and Avista
 - Select telecom and small water companies
- Broader role in safety and emergency support
- Quasi-judicial and policy functions
- 3 full-time Commissioners - 125 FTE

Our **mission** is to ensure Oregonians have access to **safe, reliable and fairly priced** utility services that advance **state policy** and promote the **public interest**.

We use an **inclusive process** to evaluate differing viewpoints and visions of the public interest and arrive at **balanced, well-reasoned, independent decisions** supported by fact and law.

Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS)

Oregon's RPS requires retail electric providers to meet a certain percentage of their annual electricity sales with eligible renewable energy generating resources

- Began with SB 838 (2007) – requiring PGE and PacifiCorp to provide 25 percent of retail sales from renewable sources by 2025, with interim goals along the way.
- SB 1547 (2016) increased the RPS requirements to 50 percent by 2040

RPS Implementation Plans

ORS 469A.075 requires subject utilities to file, and the PUC to approve, separate plans for meeting RPS requirements

- In practice, RPS planning is part of a utilities overall Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)
- IRPs are filed every 2 years and forecast energy needs and plans to meet those needs and all regulatory requirements

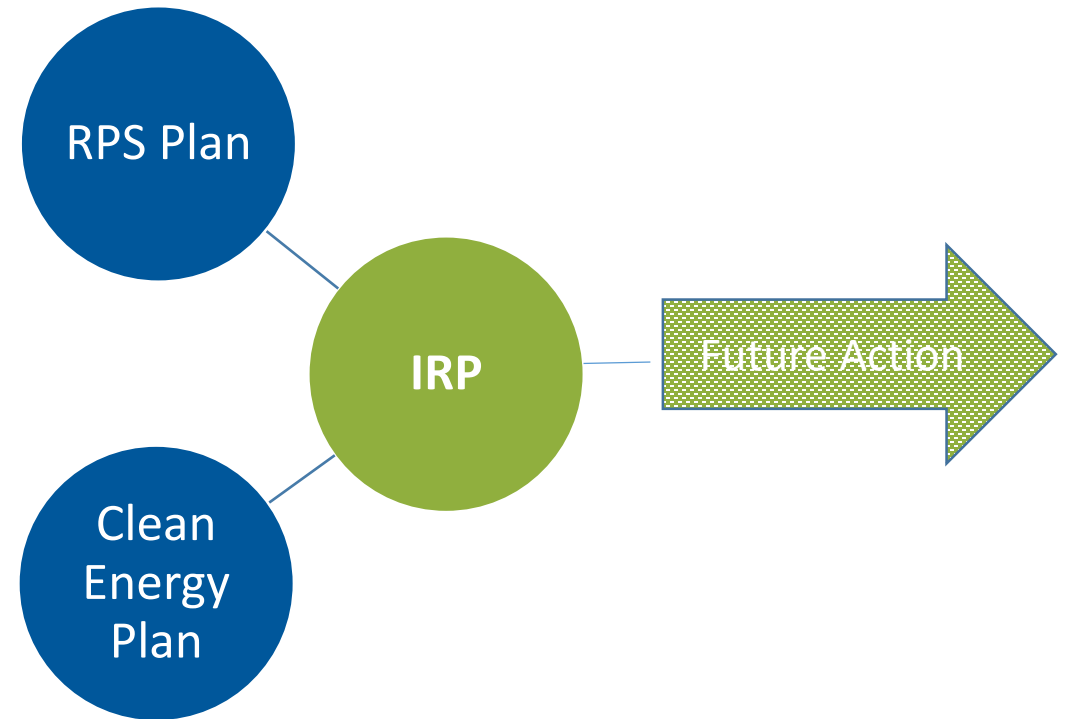
Results in two proceedings addressing same issue, costing extra time and resources

HB 3161 – RPS Integration

Amends ORS 469A.075 to eliminate redundant processes and ensure RPS compliance review

Requires utilities to describe plans for meeting the RPS as part of its IRP

PUC must review RPS plans and take appropriate action as part of the acknowledgment of the IRP



Conclusion

Questions?

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