

**Docket:** UE-110523

**Date:** May 22, 2012

**Companies:** Energy (Washington Investor Owned Utilities: Avista, PacifiCorp, and Puget Sound Energy)

**RE:** **Staff Information Request - Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS)**

**Staff:** Rebecca Beaton, Utilities Infrastructure Manager  
Chris McGuire, Regulatory Analyst  
David Nightingale, Senior Engineering Regulatory Specialist  
Deborah Reynolds, Conservation and Energy Planning Assistant Director

On or before June 1, 2012, Investor Owned Utilities must make compliance filings related to conservation and renewable energy requirements in compliance with the Energy Independence Act, RCW 19.285. Currently the Commission has directed the staff to work with interested persons to address the requirements under the law. This is being done under UE-110523 Renewable Portfolio Standards Working Group.

### **1. Analysis:**

Commission staff encourages companies filing in compliance with the RPS on or before June 1, 2012, to include detailed analysis and data in fine detail in attachments. This request is intended to assist companies in substantiating their compliance and avoiding data requests.

### **Staff requested on May 4, 2012 that companies include the following:**

- a. Examples of information to back up claims of compliance including:
  - Applicable renewable contracts (include a copy of the contract as an attachment or if the contract was filed in a prior Docket, the docket number, date filed, and contract identification),
  - Modeling and data references. For instance if a historic hydro model is used to demonstrate compliance and this model or associated data and analysis was filed with the Commission in a prior docket, include the docket number, date submitted, and document reference description,
  - Supporting "Access" database,
  - Excel spreadsheets that include analysis with formulas intact such as flow and generation for incremental hydro, and energy production data for biomass and wind,
  - WREGIS numbers for Renewable Energy Credits (RECs.)

**2. Table of Contents:**

Include a table of contents in the filing.

**3. Third Party Access to Information:**

Commission staff further encourages Avista, PacifiCorp, and PSE to work with third parties to make available data in a form that meets the needs for granular information by interested parties in the filings.

**4. May 22, 2012 Staff Information Request:** please file the following information on or before June 1, 2012. The information may be filed as confidential and under a separate cover letter from the Renewable Portfolio Standards filing: Commission staff request that companies file the following information:

**a. Compliance Status Percentage**

Please provide the projected load, the percent contribution of both company eligible renewable resources and renewable energy credits (RECs) toward satisfaction of RPS requirements; the percent contribution of both renewable resources and RECs toward satisfaction of the 2012 company reserve (buffer), and information on how these percentages have been calculated, including how acquired resources and RECs have been allocated to Washington State.

**b. Do you expect to exceed your renewable “need” for 2012? Please provide information on the level of expected excess, including the number of RECs that you expect to sell in 2012 and the number of RECs you expect to carry over to 2013.**

**c. Compliance Status Values**

Please fill in the table below and include information on the means used (how) you derived the values in relation to eligible renewable resources and the renewable energy credits.

<b>Compliance Status Values</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
1. Renewable Resource Anticipated “Need” in MWh		
2 Renewable Resource Reserve “Need” (Over anticipated Need) in MWh		
3. Renewable Resource Anticipated Beyond Reserve in MWh		
4. Total Renewable MWh Production		