

## **Summary of the RPS Proposed Rule Changes**

**Hearing: January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 - 9:30 am**

**Oregon Department of Energy, 625 Marion St. NE, Salem, Oregon 97301**

**Westerberg Room**

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**Low Impact Hydro** - Make permanent the temporary rule recognizing the Low Impact Hydropower Institute (LIHI) as the national certification agency for low impact hydroelectric facilities for the purposes of the Oregon Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) as directed by HB 3649A (2010). LIHI was designated as a result of stakeholder discussion and agreement.

**Implement 2010 RPS Amendments** - Implement HB 3649A (2010) and HB 3674 (2010), which expand the types of generating units and vintages of electricity eligible for the RPS, such as upgrades to existing facilities and certified low impact hydropower.

**Stranded Electricity** - Establish a path that allows qualifying electricity for the Oregon RPS that has been produced but not documented in the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS) tracking system and is known as “stranded electricity”. These rules define what qualifies as “stranded electricity” and describe an interim tracking system that would address stranded electricity if the WREGIS tracking system is unable to. ODOE is currently working with the WREGIS staff and stakeholders through their operating rules to address this issue in a procedural way endorsed by all stakeholders and expect a procedural decision this coming Spring. The interim tracking system is designed in draft rules to address the “stranded electricity” issue should the WREGIS procedural option fail.

**Bundled Renewable Energy Certificates** - Clarify the requirements for a bundled renewable energy certificate (REC), which has significant tracking and compliance implications.

**Efficiency Upgrades to Hydroelectric Facilities** - Establish clear requirements that hydroelectric facility upgrades must meet in order for the resulting incremental generation to qualify for the Oregon RPS.