

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING HEARING\***

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**Oregon Department of Energy****330**

Agency and Division

Administrative Rules Chapter Number

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**RULE CAPTION****Expands the Renewable Portfolio Standard and addresses programmatic implementation issues****Not more than 15 words that reasonably identifies the subject matter of the agency's intended action.**

January 25, 2011

9:30a.m.

Oregon Department of Energy

Michael Schopf

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Secure approval of new rule numbers (Adopted or Renumbered rules) with the Administrative Rules Unit prior to filing.

**ADOPT: 330-160-0040, 330-160-0050****AMEND: 330-160-0015, 330-160-0020, 330-160-0025, 330-160-0030****REPEAL:****RENUMBER:****AMEND & RENUMBER:**Stat. Auth.: **ORS 469A.005 to ORS 469A.210**Other Auth.: **ORS 469.040 (1)(d)**Stats. Implemented: **ORS 469A.005 to ORS 469A.210****RULE SUMMARY**

Pursuant to to ORS 469A.130, the Oregon Department of Energy (Department) is responsible for determining whether electricity generating units (GU's) are entitled to receive Oregon-eligible Renewable Energy Certificates (REC's). Oregon utilities use RECs to comply with their obligations under Oregon's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS). Previously, in OAR 330-160-0020, the Department selected the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS) as the electronic tracking system for Oregon RECs. These rules carry out the amendments to ORS 469A in Or Laws 2010, ch 71 (HB 3649) (Spec Sess) and Or Laws 2010, ch 17 (HB 3674) (Spec. Sess.) that increased the number of GU's that may acquire Oregon REC's. The rules also recognize a national organization to certify low-impact hydroelectric facilities as mandated in ORS 469A.020 and address other issues related to administering Oregon's RPS, including the potential failure of WREGIS's to create and track RECs associated with certain electricity

The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing the negative economic impact of the rule on business.

Tuesday, February 1, 2011

**Last Day for Public Comment** (Last day to submit written comments to the Rules Coordinator)

Signature

Printed name

Date

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