

**NEPA Statement of Work Objectives
of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
State Electricity Regulators Assistance Funding Opportunity
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WORK OBJECTIVES

The Oregon PUC through its regulatory oversight of the investment decisions of Oregon's investor-owned utilities will be directly involved in implementing key facets of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 electricity-related activities. To ensure that it can meet the anticipated increased workload, the Oregon PUC intends to hire new limited-duration utility analysts to manage dockets that will further develop the regulatory framework in key ARRA topic areas. The Commission also intends to train current staff on ARRA electricity-related topics. This hiring and training will: (1) increase the capacity of the Oregon PUC to manage a significant increase in regulatory caseload; (2) facilitate timely consideration by the Oregon PUC of ARRA electricity-related activities; and (3) create the equivalent of two new full-time jobs for a period of four years.