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What is this "public notice and hearing" about? If I understand this issue correctly (and I'm just an average utility customer) CEC is required to buy back power that is generated by customers. For example, if I install solar cells on my roof, CEC must pay me for the excess power they generate, if they are correctly hooked up to the power grid.

But the details are the issue here. How much will CEC pay? Whose standards and applications and timelines apply? If a lumber mill wants to burn its waste wood and "co-generate" power that is sold back to the utility, how will that be accomplished?

The Oregon State PUC is currently working on State rules and codes for this issue. But CEC will not fall under the State rules. So this is the opportunity for us to tell CEC what we want.

I want CEC to provide to all members a summary of the current policy and requirements for interconnection, written clearly so that all members can understand it.

Next, I want to hear from members who are already selling power back to CEC regarding how well the current policy works.

Finally, I want to hear from potential users of this policy - if you may want to install a wind generator, solar cells, a fuel cell, cogeneration facility, biomass, etc. - as to what you want CEC to do to help you make it possible.

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