

December 29, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Attn: Filing Center
201 High Street SE, Suite 100
Salem, OR 97301-3398

Re: UM 2268—PacifiCorp’s Annual Public Safety Power Shutoff Report

In accordance with OAR 860-024-0160(2) and 860-300-0070, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power (PacifiCorp or the Company) provides the following lessons learned from the Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events during the 2023 Wildfire Season.

Oregon PSPS Events

PacifiCorp did not execute any PSPS events in Oregon in 2023.

Oregon PSPS Exercises

PacifiCorp’s emergency management department continued its PSPS planning series with public safety partners. In 2023, PacifiCorp conducted two tabletop exercises. On April 5, 2023, PacifiCorp emergency management facilitated a community based PSPS exercise for the Southern Oregon counties held in Grants Pass for Douglas, Jackson and Josephine counties. On April 26, 2023, a similar exercise was held in Hood River with participation from the City of Hood River, Hood River County emergency management and Wasco County emergency management.

Key lessons learned from these exercises led to improved understanding of communications processes and the roles and responsibilities of the different agencies during a PSPS event. Participants felt more well-versed and comfortable with the PSPS process after the exercise. PacifiCorp partnered with Hood River County and Wasco County emergency management to coordinate information sharing with all of their stakeholders.

Educational Campaigns and Outreach

As described in PacifiCorp’s Wildfire Mitigation Plan, PacifiCorp conducted community engagement events throughout the service territory to educate and inform communities about our wildfire mitigation strategy, what to expect before, during and after PSPS events and steps to be prepared in the event of a PSPS.

Overall, the seven wildfire mitigation forums and outreach events, two tabletop exercises and 12 workshops reached 21 Oregon counties and included a variety of participants representing customers, local, state, non-profit and community organizations.

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If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Cathie Allen, Regulatory Affairs Manager, at (503) 813-5934.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew McVee', written in a cursive style.

Matthew McVee
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