

March 17, 2023

#### VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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## RE: Advice No. 23-01—PacifiCorp's 2023 General Rate Case

PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp or Company) submits for filing and approval by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) proposed new tariff sheets applicable to electric service supplied by the Company in the state of Washington to become effective on March 1, 2024. The proposed new tariff sheets are contained in Exhibit No. RMM-11 accompanying this filing. In accordance with WAC 480-07-510(2), the proposed new tariff sheets are also provided in legislative format.

In accordance with Washington Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5295, codified at RCW 80.28.425, PacifiCorp is proposing a two-year rate plan. The filing is based on a historical test period of the 12 months ended June 30, 2022, adjusted for known and measurable changes. Consistent with Commission precedent, the Company's net power costs are based on the pro forma period of the calendar year 2024, which corresponds to the rate effective period.

By the enclosed tariff sheets, PacifiCorp requests an increase in revenues of approximately \$26.8 million from Washington operations for the first rate year, effective March 1, 2024. For the second rate year, the requested increase is approximately \$27.9 million. Under the Company's proposal, the average residential customer using 1,200 kilowatt-hours per month would see a \$12.11 increase in the first year, followed by a \$9.34 increase in the second year.

A summary of the relief requested, the reasons PacifiCorp is seeking this relief, and an overview of the topics covered by each of PacifiCorp's witnesses is provided in the pre-filed direct testimony of Matthew D. McVee, Exhibit No. MDM-1T, which is included in this filing. In compliance with WAC 480-07-510(1), the Company has enclosed and original and five paper copies of PacifiCorp's pre-filed direct testimony and exhibits supporting this general rate case filing. Electronic copies of all files are provided in accordance with WAC 480-07-140(5).

PacifiCorp has marked certain pages of its filing "DESIGNATED INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL PER WAC 480-07-160." These documents are protected from any further disclosure by the Commission or the Office of the Attorney General, including their outside experts, under RCW 80.04.095 and WAC 480-07-160. PacifiCorp's filing includes a motion requesting that the Commission issue a protective order to govern disclosure of confidential information for use in this case.

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PacifiCorp requests that the documents contained in the envelopes identified with the cover page marked "DESIGNATED INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL PER WAC 480-07-160," as well as the files marked "CONFIDENTIAL" or "CONF" on the versions of the USB drives containing confidential materials, be treated as confidential under the provisions of WAC 480-07-160 because they contain sensitive commercial information. In accordance with WAC 480-07-160(5), PacifiCorp has enclosed redacted versions of the documents containing confidential information along with the non-confidential documents in its filing, and has placed unredacted versions of the documents containing confidential information in separate envelopes with corresponding "DESIGNATED INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL PER WAC 480-07-160" labels on the envelopes. Each page of the unredacted version containing confidential information is printed on yellow paper.

As required by WAC 480-07-510(4), the Company is providing the supporting workpapers in electronic format on the enclosed USB drives. Certain workpapers and models are being provided as confidential under WAC 480-07-160(3).

As required by WAC 480-07-510(7), the Company has also provided uniform resource locators (URLs) to the following additional documents in Attachment D: the Company's recent FERC Form 1; the Company's Form 10Ks and Form 10Qs; the Company's most recent bond issuance prospectus; and the 2021 Affiliated Interest Report. There are no annual or quarterly reports to shareholders.

Attachment A to this letter is the Summary Document prepared in compliance with WAC 480-07-510(5). In compliance with WAC 480-07-510(5)(b), PacifiCorp is serving copies of the Summary Document on the persons listed on the attached Certificate of Service. The Company's pre-filed testimony, exhibits and work papers are available from the Company on request. Attachment B to this letter is a listing of the tariff sheets proposed to be revised. Attachment C is the Printed Index for all electronic files included with this filing. Attachment E is a Supplement to the Company's 2021 Affiliated Interest Report.

In compliance with WAC 480-100-194, PacifiCorp agrees to suspend the proposed tariff filing and thus is not required to publish notice immediately before or coincident with the date of this letter and filing. PacifiCorp agrees to waive the suspension hearing and requests that the Commission issue an order suspending these proposed changes for investigation, and that a hearing to take testimony from the public be scheduled at the prehearing conference. Accordingly, the Company will provide notice to the public under WAC 480-100-197(2). In compliance with WAC 480-100-193(1), PacifiCorp will also post the proposed changes to its tariff sheets for public inspection and review on its website.

PacifiCorp's proposed tariff schedules are dated May 1, 2023. Given the ten-month suspension period, PacifiCorp respectfully requests a rate effective date of March 1, 2024.

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Enclosures

Attachment A: Summary Document

Attachment B: List of Proposed Tariff Sheets Attachment C: Index of Electronic Files Attachment D: Supplemental Documentation

Attachment E: Supplement to PacifiCorp's 2021 Affiliated Interest Report

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power & Light Company's General Rate Case Summary upon all parties of record in this proceeding, by electronic transmission to the email address(es) of each party or party representative listed in the commission's master service list for this docket.

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# PACIFICORP dba PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY Attachment A

## **Summary of Requested Electric General Rate Increase**

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1) The date and amount of the latest prior general rate increase authorized by the Commission, and the revenue realized from that authorized increase in the test period, based on the company's test period units of revenue.

Date:	May 1, 2022
Amount:	\$392,807,000
Amount Realized in the test period:	\$405,024,000

2) Total revenues at present rates and at requested rates.

Present Rates	\$405,024,000
Requested First Year Rates	\$431,787,000
Requested Second Year Rates	\$459,735,000

3) Requested revenue change in percentage, in total, and by major customer class.

Residential	16.1%
Commercial	9.3%
Industrial	15.2%
Irrigation	16.1%
Lighting	16.7%
Total	13.5%

4) Requested revenue change in dollars, in total, and by major customer class.

Residential	\$28,712,000
Commercial	\$13,545,000
Industrial	\$10,008,000
Irrigation	\$2,350,000
Lighting	\$96,000
Total	\$54,711,000

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5) The representative effect of the request in dollars for the average monthly use per customer, by customer class or other similar meaningful representation, including, but not limited to, the effect of the proposed rate change in dollars per month on residential customers by usage categories.

Residential	\$20.77
Commercial	\$59.00
Industrial	\$1,426.66
Irrigation	\$38.09
Lighting	\$17.38

6) Most current customer count by major customer class.

Residential	115,211
Commercial	19,133
Industrial	585
Irrigation	5,141
Lighting	459
Total	140,528

7) Current authorized overall rate of return and authorized rate of return on common equity.

Overall rate of return	7.17%
Rate of return on common equity	9.50%

8) Actual rate of return and actual return on equity for the test period.

Overall rate of return	5.77%
Rate of return on common equity	6.72%

9) Requested overall rate of return and requested rate of return on common equity, and the method or methods used to calculate rate of return on common equity.

Overall rate of return	7.60%
Rate of return on common equity	10.3%

Method(s) of Calculation: The Company relied on several methods to calculate a reasonable range of return on equity: discounted cash flow (DCF), Yield-Plus-Growth, CAPM, Risk Premium, and Comparable Earnings. The quantitative model results produce a cost of equity range of 9.23 percent to 10.22 percent. Based upon further review of allowed returns, economic data and Company-specific considerations, the Company recommends a 10.2 percent return on common equity.

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## 10) Requested capital structure.

Long-Term Debt	48.72%
Preferred Stock	0.01%
Common Equity Stock	51.27%

# 11) Requested total net operating income.

Net operating income: \$83,632,236

## 12) Requested total rate base and method of calculation, or equivalent.

Rate base: \$1,100,424,347

Method(s) of calculation: Pro forma electric-plant-in-service balances and associated accumulated deferred income tax balances are reflected using the average-of-monthly-averages method. Other elements of rate base are also reflected using the average-of-monthly-averages method.

## 13) Requested revenue effect of attrition allowance, if any requested.

No attrition allowance is requested.

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The proposed tariff sheets to be revised in Pacific Power and Light Company's currently effective Tariff WN U-76 are designated as follows:

Third Revision of Sheet No. INDEX.2		Tariff Index
Fifth Revision of Sheet No. INDEX.3		Tariff Index
Third Revision of Sheet No. 15.1	Schedule 15	Outdoor Area Lighting Service
CANCEL Original Sheet No. 15.2	Schedule 15	Outdoor Area Lighting Service
Third Revision of Sheet No. 16.1	Schedule 16	Residential Service
Fourth Revision of Sheet No. 17.1	Schedule 17	Low Income Bill Assistance Program – Residential Service Optional for Qualifying Customers
CANCEL Original Sheet No. 18.1	Schedule 18	Three Phase Residential Service Rider
CANCEL Original Sheet No. 18.2	Schedule 18	Three Phase Residential Service Rider
Fourth Revision of Sheet No. 19.1	Schedule 19	Residential Service – Time of Use Pilot
First Revision of Sheet No. 24.1	Schedule 24	Small General Service
Third Revision of Sheet No. 24.2	Schedule 24	Small General Service
First Revision of Sheet No. 24.3	Schedule 24	Small General Service
Third Revision of Sheet No. 29.1	Schedule 29	Non-Residential Time of Use Pilot
First Revision of Sheet No. 36.1	Schedule 36	Large General Service – Less Than 1,000 kW
Third Revision of Sheet No. 36.2	Schedule 36	Large General Service – Less Than 1,000 kW
Fourth Revision of Sheet No. 40.1	Schedule 40	Agricultural Pumping Service
First Revision of Sheet No. 40.2	Schedule 40	Agricultural Pumping Service
First Revision of Sheet No. 40.3	Schedule 40	Agricultural Pumping Service

Third Revision of Sheet No. 48T.1	Schedule 48T	Large General Service – Metered Time of Use 1,000 kW and Over
First Revision of Sheet No. 48T.2	Schedule 48T	Large General Service – Metered Time of Use 1,000 kW and Over
First Revision of Sheet No. 48T.3	Schedule 48T	Large General Service – Metered Time of Use 1,000 kW and Over
Third Revision of Sheet No. 51.1	Schedule 51	Street Lighting Service – Company- Owned System
Third Revision of Sheet No. 53.1	Schedule 53	Street Lighting Service – Customer- Owned System
CANCEL Original Sheet No. 53.2	Schedule 53	Street Lighting Service – Customer- Owned System
Third Revision of Sheet No. 54.1	Schedule 54	Recreational Field Lighting – Restricted
CANCEL Original Sheet No. 54.2	Schedule 54	Recreational Field Lighting – Restricted
Third Revision of Sheet No. 80.1	Schedule 80	Summary of Effective Rate Adjustments
Third Revision of Sheet No. 91.1	Schedule 91	Surcharge to Fund Low Income Bill Assistance Program
Second Revision of Sheet No. 92.1	Schedule 92	Deferral Adjustments
Sixth Revision of Sheet No. 93.1	Schedule 93	Decoupling Revenue Adjustment
Third Revision of Sheet No. 97.1	Schedule 97	Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism
First Revision of Sheet No. 99.1	Schedule 99	Production Tax Credit Tracker Adjustment
First Revision of Sheet No. 135.1	Schedule 135	Net Metering Service
First Revision of Sheet No. 135.2	Schedule 134	Net Metering Service
Original Sheet No. 135.3	Schedule 135	Net Metering Service
Original Sheet No. 138.1	Schedule 138	Net Billing Service

Original Sheet No. 138.2	Schedule 138	Net Billing Service
Original Sheet No. 138.3	Schedule 138	Net Billing Service
Original Sheet No. 138.4	Schedule 138	Net Billing Service
Third Revision of Sheet No. 191.1	Schedule 191	System Benefits Charge Adjustment
Second Revision of Sheet No. 197.1	Schedule 197	Federal Tax Act Adjustment
First Revision of Sheet No. R1.2	Rule 1	General Rules and Regulations – Definitions
First Revision of Sheet No. R1.3	Rule 1	General Rules and Regulations - Definitions

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#### **Additional Documents**

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Consistent with WAC 480-07-510(7), PacifiCorp provides the Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) to the following additional documentation:

- 1. PacifiCorp's most recent Form 10-K filed on February 24, 2023: <a href="https://www.sec.gov/ix?doc=/Archives/edgar/data/75594/000108131623000005/bhe-20221231.htm">https://www.sec.gov/ix?doc=/Archives/edgar/data/75594/000108131623000005/bhe-20221231.htm</a>
- 2. PacifiCorp's most recent Form 10-Q filed on November 4, 2022: <a href="https://www.sec.gov/ix?doc=/Archives/edgar/data/75594/000108131622000046/bhe-20220930.htm">https://www.sec.gov/ix?doc=/Archives/edgar/data/75594/000108131622000046/bhe-20220930.htm</a>
- 3. On July 9, 2021, PacifiCorp completed the sale of \$1 billion in aggregate principal amount of 2.90% First Mortgage Bonds due June 15, 2052. The Prospectus Supplement is available at:

https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/75594/000110465921090303/tm2120912-2\_424b5.htm

- 4. On December 1, 2022, PacifiCorp completed the sale of \$1.1 billion in aggregate principal amount of 5.350% First Mortgage Bonds due December 1, 2053. The Prospectus Supplement is available at:
  - https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/75594/000110465922123233/tm2231063-2 424b2.htm
- 5. PacifiCorp's most recent Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Form 1 filed on April 13, 2022:

https://www.brkenergy.com/assets/upload/regulatory-filing/20211231 pc annual form1.pdf

- 6. PacifiCorp does not provide annual or quarterly reports to stockholders.
- 7. Consistent with WAC 480-07-510(3)(g), PacifiCorp's 2021 affiliate interest report was filed on May 27, 2022, in Docket No. UE-220393. https://www.utc.wa.gov/casedocket/2022/220393/docsets

PacifiCorp provides additional information on affiliate transactions not included in its 2021 report in Attachment E.

# PacifiCorp Attachment E Supplement to the 2021 PacifiCorp Affiliated Interest Report Filed March 17, 2023

Affiliated Entity	Services Provided/Received	Treatment in Washington GRC
BNSF Railway Company	Coal transportation services, from all Wyoming Powder River Basin coal mines to the PacifiCorp Dave Johnston power plant, located in Glenrock, Wyoming.	The Dave Johnston plant is not reflected in Washington rates.
	Permitting for modification of existing overhead railroad track crossing on Burlington Northern property. BNSF tracking # 21W-11466.	This permit is for the Klamath hydro facility, and therefore included in Washington rates.
	Permitting for modification of existing overhead railroad track crossing on Burlington Northern property. BNSF tracking # 21W-11468.	This permit is for the Klamath hydro facility, and therefore included in Washington rates.
	BNSF Electric Supply Line License for a crossing in Millersburg, OR. Permit #21W-11525	This permit is for a transmission/distribution substation in Millersburg, Oregon, and therefore included in Washington rates.
Marmon Utility LLC	Contract for design services, installation materials, job support and installation of aerial cable systems for wildfire mitigation.	A significant portion of these investments will occur in distribution projects outside of Washington, and the costs of which would not be allocated to Washington customers. Only the investments used for Washington will be included in Washington rates.

# BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Docket UE-23

Complainant,

v.

PACIFICORP'S MOTION FOR STANDARD PROTECTIVE ORDER

PACIFICORP dba
PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY,

Respondent.

#### I. RELIEF REQUESTED

In conjunction with the request for a general rate increase filed by PacifiCorp

d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp or the Company) on March 17, 2023,

PacifiCorp moves for the entry of the standard protective order by the Washington

Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) under WAC 480-07-420(1).

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#### II. BACKGROUND AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT

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On March 17, 2023, PacifiCorp filed a general rate case. PacifiCorp marked information contained on certain pages of its supporting testimony and exhibits as confidential. Under WAC 480-07-510(3), the Company provided workpapers in support of its filing, portions of which are also marked confidential. Pending entry of the Commission's standard protective order, the Company designated this information as confidential under the Commission's general rule on confidentiality, WAC 480-07-160, and under RCW 80.04.095.

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The information that PacifiCorp marked "confidential" includes commercially sensitive information regarding the Company's pricing strategy, fuel costs, contracts, reports, and other terms that could be misappropriated by parties for their commercial benefit and to the Company's and its customers' detriment. In discovery, parties to this proceeding may request other types of information that is commercially valuable to the Company or involves confidential information of customers, employees, business counter-parties, or other third-parties. PacifiCorp minimized the amount of information it designated as confidential to promote the ability of the public to review the filing and participate in this case.

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The Commission has authority to grant PacifiCorp's motion under WAC 480-07-420(1), which allows the Commission to enter "a standard form of protective order to promote the free exchange of information and development of the factual record in a proceeding when the commission finds that parties reasonably anticipate that discovery or evidentiary filings will re-quire information designated as confidential as defined in WAC 480-07-160 to be disclosed to other parties in the adjudication." There is ample

Commission precedent for the entry of protective orders in general rate cases, including the protective order the Commission entered in both PacifiCorp's 2015 general rate case<sup>1</sup> and 2020 general rate case.<sup>2</sup>

The material PacifiCorp seeks to protect in this case is the type of information that is intended to be eligible for confidential protections under RCW 80.04.095 and WAC 480-07-160. Public release of any of the confidential information could compromise the Company's ability to compete fairly and impose a business risk to the Company. The result would be increased costs for PacifiCorp and, ultimately, its customers.

#### III. CONCLUSION

6 For the reasons set forth above, PacifiCorp respectfully requests that the Commission enter its standard form of protective order in this case.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Washington Utils. & Trans. Comm. v. PacifiCorp d/b/a Pac. Power & Light Co., Docket No. UE-152253, Order 02 (Dec. 8, 2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Washington Utils. & Trans. Comm. v. PacifiCorp d/b/a Pac. Power & Light Co., Docket No. UE-191024, Order 02 (Jan. 13, 2020).

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