

February 3, 2005

Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Attention:

Carole Washburn

**Executive Secretary** 

RE:

Advice No. 05-003 - Attorney General's Antitrust Settlement Refund

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Pursuant to Washington Law, including Sections 80.28.050 and 80.28.060 of the revised Code of Washington and the Commission's Rules and Regulations, PacifiCorp (d.b.a. Pacific Power & Light Company) submits for electronic filing of the following proposed tariff sheet. The Company respectfully requests that the tariff become effective with bills rendered for meter readings from March 1, 2005 through March 29, 2005 which is the full billing month for March 2005. The Company requests approval of the proposed provisions with less than statutory notice for an effective date of March 1, 2005. This request is due to the Attorney General's requirement that all the money be distributed to customers within 60 days of receipt by the Company and to efficiently administer the refund by starting the refund period with the beginning of a billing month.

The refund of \$212,068, represents approximately 0.1 percent of annual base revenues, or 1.3 percent of March revenues. This amount represents the Company's portion of a settlement entered into by the Washington Attorney General's Office with various energy trading companies that provides restitution to commercial and industrial consumers who paid higher electricity prices during the energy crisis of 2000-2001. The refund amount was distributed by the Attorney General's Office on January 28, 2005 to the Company for distribution to customers.

The Attorney General's Office requires that approximately 60 percent of the Company's refund amount be distributed to the Company's industrial customers with the remainder going to the commercial customers. Late last year, while planning for the refund, the Attorney General's office also requested that the Company submit a plan that would distribute the funds to customers in a reasonable, fair and administratively efficient manner. The Company shared a plan with the Attorney General's office and with the WUTC Staff that customers on the three major rate Schedules, 24, 36 and 48T, receive the refund. The Attorney General's Office indicated that this approach was acceptable. This plan is the basis for the refund proposed in this filing.

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Attachment A is a true and correct copy of the notice to be posted at Pacific Power's designated principal and other business offices in Washington. Attachment B is a listing of the proposed tariff sheets.

It is respectfully requested that all formal correspondence and Staff requests regarding this filing be addressed to the following:

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Very truly yours,

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**Enclosures** 

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