

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of	DOCKET UE-230482
PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY,	ORDER 01
2022 Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism Annual Report	GRANTING CONTINUANCE; GRANTING EXEMPTION

- 1 On June 15, 2023, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp or Company), filed a Petition to Extend the Amortization of the PCAM Surcharge (Petition). This filing was made pursuant to a previous order of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission).<sup>1</sup>
- 2 The original deadline for Commission staff (Staff) to review the Petition was September 13, 2023, 90 days after the Petition was filed.<sup>23</sup> On September 29, 2023, Staff contacted the Acting Administrative Law Director via email requesting an extension of the deadline. The request was granted, but Staff failed to submit its review by the new deadline.
- 3 On October 6, 2023, Staff filed a Motion for Continuance Extending Review Period of Company’s Filing (Motion), requesting to further extend the deadline for review to October 31, 2023. Staff cites to the press of business as having prevented a review of the Petition by the earlier deadlines, and states that it has retained an expert to enable it to review the Petition by October 31.
- 4 Staff notes that that it has conferred with PacifiCorp, which does not oppose the Motion.

**DISCUSSION**

- 5 We grant Staff’s request for a continuance to extend the review period of the petition to October 31, 2023.

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<sup>1</sup> *Wash. Utils & Transp. Comm’n v. Pac. Power & Light Co.*, Dockets 140762, 140617 & 131384, Order 09, 7, ¶ 18 (May 26, 2015).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at ¶19.

<sup>3</sup> In its Motion, Staff’s appears to have erroneously calculated the 90-day period as ending September 15, 2023.

- 6 Pursuant to WAC 480-07-385(2), we find that Staff has established good cause for the continuance requested in its Motion. This is a complex matter; a thorough and complete review is essential. Preventing the Commission from receiving Staff's analysis would neither serve the public interest or the administrative needs of the Commission. This small delay is a reasonable request under the circumstances and should be granted.
- 7 We observe that Staff did not file its Motion before the deadline at issue, as required by WAC 480-07-385(3). Notwithstanding the delay, pursuant to WAC 480-07-110, we find it appropriate to grant Staff an exemption from this rule on our own motion because it is consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation, and applicable statutes. If this exemption was not granted, Staff could not seek an extension of this deadline.
- 8 The Commission notes that the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers filed a Petition for Adjudication in this Docket on October 10, 2023. This petition will be addressed in a subsequent order, following the opportunity for responses by the Company and other parties.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 9 (1) Commission staff is granted an exemption from WAC 480-07-385(3)(a) for the purposes of this Motion.
- 10 (2) Commission staff's Motion for Continuance Extending Review Period of Company's Filing is GRANTED.
- 11 (3) The deadline for Commission review of the Petition is extended to October 31, 2023.

Dated at Lacey, Washington, and effective October 11, 2023.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

KATHY HUNTER  
Acting Executive Director and Secretary