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Item Number: E5

Docket: UE-171092
Company: Pacific Power & Light Company

Staff: Nikita Bankoti, Regulatory Analyst

Recommendation

Issue an order in Docket UE-171092 finding that Pacific Power & Light Company has:

- (1) Complied with reporting requirements pursuant to WAC 480-109-120 and RCW 19.285.070 in the 2018-2019 biennial conservation report,
- (2) Complied with Order 01 in Docket UE-171092,
- (3) Applied the full amount of conservation to its 2018-2019 biennium 74,293 megawatt-hour (MWh) biennial conservation target,
- (4) Applied the full amount of conservation savings to its 2018-2019 biennium 3,975 MWh decoupling commitment, and
- (5) Achieved 2,336 MWh of excess conservation during the 2018-2019 biennium.

Discussion

On June 1, 2020, Pacific Power & Light Company (Pacific Power or company) filed its 2018-2019 Biennial Conservation Report (BCR or report) with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission), as required by Order 01 in Docket UE-171092, RCW 19.285.070(1), and WAC 480-109-120(4).

Conservation Target and Achievement

The report indicated that the company achieved 80,604 MWh of savings during the 2018-2019 biennium, exceeding the EIA target of 78,268 MWh. The 2,336 MWh can be claimed as excess savings to meet a shortfall in subsequent biennia.¹ Pacific Power's report states, and staff concurs, that the company has met all of the requirements of Order 01 over the course of the biennium. Table 1 shows the savings achieved and the excess savings in 2018-2019 biennium. Table 2 provides an account of the excess savings available to meet shortfalls in each biennium.

¹ RCW 19.285.040(1)(c)(i) and WAC 480-109-100(3)(c).

Table 1: Summary of Pacific Power’s 2018-2019 Conservation Achievement

	Expected MWh savings	Actual MWh savings
Total Utility Conservation	83,484	88,464
Less Exclusions²	(5,216)	(7,860)
EIA Target	78,268	80,604
Decoupling Conservation Commitment³	3,975	3,975
Excess Savings		2,336

Table 2: Accounting of Pacific Power’s Available Excess Savings

Biennium	Available MWh 2018-2019	Available MWh 2020-2021	Available MWh 2022-2023
Earned 2014-2015 ⁴	24,178	<i>expired</i>	
Earned 2016-2017 ⁵	2,718	2,718	
Earned 2018-2019		2,336	2,336
Total Excess Savings	26,896	5,054	2,336

As described in commission staff’s (staff) comments in this docket, the company’s benefit to cost ratio using the total resource cost (TRC) test was 1.1. The utility cost test (UCT) for year 2019 was also 1.1.

Stakeholder Comments

Staff filed comments in this docket on August 06, 2020. No stakeholders filed comments in this docket.

Conclusion

In its review, staff concluded that the company has met its reporting requirements, complied with the commission’s target-setting order and associated conditions in these dockets, and exceeded its biennial targets. Therefore, staff recommends that the commission issue orders in Dockets UE-171092, as described in the recommendation section above.

² Exclusions remove savings from NEEA.

³ WUTC v. Pacific Power & Light Company, Docket UE-152253, Order 12 (September 1, 2016).

⁴ Docket UE-132047, Order 03, p. 17 (August 15, 2016).

⁵ Docket UE-152072, Order 02, p. 19 (August 9, 2018).