

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET UE-111190
TRANSPORTATION)	
COMMISSION,)	ORDER 03
)	
Complainant,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO
v.)	INTERVENE
)	
PACIFICORP D/B/A PACIFIC)	
POWER & LIGHT COMPANY,)	
)	
Respondent.)	
.....)	

MEMORANDUM

- 1 **BACKGROUND.** On July 1, 2011, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-75. The stated effective date is July 31, 2011. The purpose of the filing is to increase rates and charges for electric service provided to customers in the state of Washington. With this filing, the Company requests an electric rate increase of \$12.9 million, or 4.3 percent.

- 2 By Order 01 entered in this proceeding on July 28, 2011, the Commission suspended operation of the tariff revisions until May 31, 2012. On the same date, the Commission entered, as Order 02, its standard protective order to protect the confidentiality of information designated as proprietary and facilitate the prompt commencement of discovery.

- 3 **PETITION TO INTERVENE.** On July 8, 2011, the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) filed a petition to intervene. ICNU asserts that its member companies have a substantial interest in PacifiCorp’s proposed rate increase because the proposed rate change would directly and substantially impact those members who purchase power from PacifiCorp. ICNU states that it has extensive

experience in PacifiCorp's most recent rate cases that its intervention will assist the Commission in resolving the issues and will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or delay the proceeding. No party opposed the petition to intervene. The petition to intervene meets the standard in WAC 480-07-355; ICNU demonstrated a substantial interest in the subject matter of this proceeding. Therefore, in order to facilitate discovery in this matter, ICNU's petition to intervene should be granted in advance of the prehearing conference in this matter.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective August 12, 2011.

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PATRICIA CLARK
Administrative Law Judge