

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY,

Respondent.

DOCKET UE-161204

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME TO SUBMIT A DATE FOR
THE SETTLEMENT
CONFERENCE IN THIS MATTER

1 Pursuant to WAC 480-07-385, Commission Staff (“Staff”) moves for an extension of time to submit a date for the settlement conference required by the Commission in Order 03 in this docket.

2 The Commission convened a prehearing conference in this docket on December 20, 2016, before Administrative Law Judge Rayne Pearson. The prehearing conference produced a litigation schedule for this matter; however, the parties requested that they be allowed to set a date for a settlement conference after engaging in discovery. Order 03, the Commission’s prehearing conference order, was served on the parties on December 22, 2016. Among other things, Order 03 required the parties to confer about a date for the settlement conference and to submit that date to the Commission no later than December 28, 2016.

3 Several Staff members assigned to this case have holiday travel or vacation plans
that preexisted the service of Order 03. Those plans have prevented Staff from deciding on a
preferred date for the settlement conference. All of the relevant Staff members will return to
the Commission's offices by January 4, 2016.

4 Commission Staff has attempted to contact the other parties to this docket about this
request for an extension. Counsel for four of those parties replied and expressed support for
extending the deadline, in several cases because they themselves were traveling due to the
holidays. Staff did not hear back from two of the other parties, but counsel for one of those
parties had set an email auto-response announcing that he had limited access to email
between December 22, 2016, and December 27, 2016, due to travel plans.

5 The preexisting holiday plans of Commission Staff members as well as a number of
the attorneys involved in this case provide good cause to extend the deadline to file the date
of the settlement conference with the Commission. Neither the Commission nor any party
will be prejudiced by the extension of the filing deadline.

6 Staff requests the due date for scheduling the settlement conference be extended to
January 6, 2017.

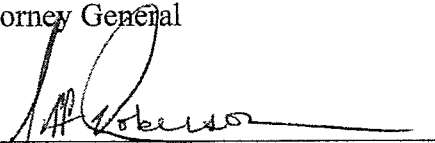
7 WAC 480-07-385(3)(a) requires parties to file any motion for an extension of time at
least five business days before the deadline for which the extension is requested. However,
WAC 480-07-385(3)(c) provides that the Commission will consider any such request upon
demonstration of good cause. Here, Order 03 was served on December 22, 2016. Because
December 26, 2016, is a holiday, December 28, 2016, the deadline for submitting the date
for the settlement conference specified in Order 03, comes three business days after the
service of the order. Commission Staff could not submit a request for an extension at least

five business days before the deadline. That should provide good cause for the Commission to consider this request for an extension.

DATED this 23rd day of December 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Roberson", written over a horizontal line.

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