**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE**

**UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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| In the Matter of the Petition of  PACIFICORP dba PACIFIC POWER    Petitioner,  Requesting a Modification to the Filing Requirements contained in WAC 480-100-275 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) | DOCKET UE-072123  ORDER 02  ORDER GRANTING  MODIFICATION TO THE REQUIREMENT TO FILE RESULTS OF OPERATIONS |

## **BACKGROUND**

1. On March 23, 2010, PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp or Company) filed a petition requesting a 30 day extension for reporting its actual quarterly results of operations as required in WAC 480-100-275, and Order 01. The extension is requested to extend through June 30, 2012, coincident with the five-year trial period of the West Control Area inter-jurisdictional cost allocation methodology (WCA allocation methodology).
2. In Order 01, the Commission allowed PacifiCorp to file its quarterly actual results of operations reports 90 days from the end of the quarter, rather than the 60 days required by rule, for the quarters ending September 30, 2007, through December 31, 2009. The extension was granted on the condition that the results of Washington operations would be reported using the WCA allocation methodology approved in Docket UE-061546. PacifiCorp was also granted its request to file its semi-annual report of environmental remediation expenditures, pursuant to Order 01 in Docket UE-031658, with the above quarterly results of actual operations reports.

3 PacifiCorp requests a continuation of the 30 day extension to be in effect through the five-year trial period of the WCA allocation methodology to give the Company sufficient time to incorporate the calculations required under the WCA allocation methodology into its quarterly results of operations. For procedural efficiency and to reduce administrative burden, the Company also requests that the environmental remediation expenditures report continue to be provided with the quarterly results reports and that the 30 day extension also be applied as allowed by Order 01.

4 Commission Staff has reviewed the request and recommends granting the Company’s request to modify the filing requirements in WAC 480-100-275 by allowing PacifiCorp to file its quarterly actual results of operations report 90 days from the end of the quarter through the conclusion of the five-year trial period of the WCA allocation methodology, i.e., the quarter ending June 30, 2012. The report should use the Commission’s approved allocation method and continue to include the report of environmental remediation expenditures on a semi-annual basis.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

1. (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the state of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies, including electric companies. *RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.28, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and RCW 80.28.*
2. (2) PacifiCorp is engaged in the business of providing electric services within the state of Washington and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
3. (3) PacifiCorp is subject to the provisions of WAC 480-100-275, requiring electric companies to report Washington results of operations within 60 days of the end of each quarter.
4. (4) The UTC approved the Western Control Area allocation method for Washington in Docket UE-061546. The actual results of operations report is to be filed using the WCA allocation method.
5. (5) PacifiCorp reports environmental remediation expenditures on a semi-annual basis pursuant to Order 01 in Docket UE-031658. Continuing to submit this report semi-annually together with the quarterly report of actual operations allows for procedural efficiency and reduces administrative burdens.
6. (6) WAC 480-07-110(1) allows the Commission to grant a modification of its rules.
7. (7) After review of the petition filed in Docket UE-072123 by Pacific Power on March 23, 2010, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that a modification to WAC 480-100-275 allowing Pacific Power to file both reports 90 days after the end of each quarter for the quarters remaining during the effective trial period for the WCA allocation methodology, is reasonable and should be granted.

## **O R D E R**

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. (1) Effective with the quarter ending March 31, 2010, PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power is granted a modification of WAC 480-100-275 and is allowed to file its quarterly actual results of operations reports 90 days from the end of the quarter through the quarter ending June 30, 2012, corresponding with the effective trial period for the WCA allocation methodology.
2. (2) PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power is also granted its request to file its report of environmental remediation expenditures with the above quarterly results of actual operations reports.
3. (3) This extension is granted on the condition that the results of Washington operations will be reported using the WCA allocation method approved by the UTC in Docket UE-061546. The Commission retains the authority to rescind this modification of WAC 480-100-275 with due notice.
4. (4) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power & Light Company, to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective May 13, 2010.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

David W. Danner, Executive Director and Secretary