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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Mark L. Johnson Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 621 Woodland Square Loop SE Lacey, WA 98503

## **RE:** Advice 19-04—Schedule 98—Adjustment Associated with the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act

Pacific Power & Light Company (Pacific Power), a division of PacifiCorp, submits this filing in accordance with RCW 80.28.050, RCW 80.28.060, and WAC section 480-100-028.

Fifth Revision of Sheet No. 98.1 Schedu	98 Adjustment Associated with the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act
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The company respectfully requests an effective date of October 1, 2019. Schedule 98 provides residential and other qualifying customers with a direct pass-through of monetary benefits received from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) under the Residential Exchange Program (REP) consistent with the Residential Exchange Program Settlement Implementation Agreement (REPSIA), Contract No. 11PB-12466 (the Agreement) between PacifiCorp and BPA.

## SUMMARY OF TARIFF REVISION

The Commission previously authorized the company to implement a balancing account for tracking the receipt of benefits from BPA and passing through the benefits to customers under Schedule 98. The balancing account may contain both positive and negative balances. As of July 31, 2019, PacifiCorp had a negative balance in the Washington balancing account of approximately \$16,000. The \$13.3 million in annual benefits calculated for the fiscal year 2020-21 rate period will result in an average BPA credit for Washington eligible customers of 0.728 cents per kWh, which is a 0.087 cents per kWh decrease. Overall, this decrease to the credit will result in an overall average rate increase to customers of approximately 0.5 percent.

The proposed Schedule 98 credit has been designed to credit approximately \$13.3 million annually to qualifying customers. Attachment A shows the allocation of total PacifiCorp REP benefits by state. The credit is passed through to qualifying customers on a uniform-cents-per-kWh basis. Attachment B shows the calculation of the Schedule 98 credit. For a typical residential customer using 1,200 kWh per month the effect of the proposed change is a reduction in the Schedule 98 credit of \$1.05 per month.



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Consistent with BPA's Customer Load Eligibility Guidelines (CLEG) for reviewing and determining the eligibility of customers who receive the REP credit, customers with annual usage above 100,000 kWh must complete and submit a certificate to Pacific Power to confirm eligibility and continue receiving the credit. The company will continue reviewing customer usage levels and collecting certificates from these customers.

This tariff change results in a bill increase to customers. Pacific Power is providing notice of the proposed tariff change to customers in accordance with WAC 480-100-194. A copy of the customer notice is enclosed as Attachment G.

It is respectfully requested that all formal correspondence and Staff requests regarding this material be addressed to:

By E-Mail (preferred): <u>datarequest@pacificorp.com</u>

By regular mail: Data Request Response Center PacifiCorp 825 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 2000 Portland, Oregon, 97232

Please direct informal questions to Ariel Son, Regulatory Affairs Manager, at (503) 813-5410.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosures

- Attachment A: Allocation of Total PacifiCorp REP Benefits
- Attachment B: Calculation of the Schedule 98 Credit
- Attachment C: Residential Billing Comparison
- Attachment D: Table A—Summary of Present Revenues and Proposed Rate Change on Revenues from Electric Sales
- Attachment E: List of Proposed Tariff Sheets
- Attachment F: Tariff Schedule 98
- Attachment G: Customer Notice