

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of

PACIFICORP, d/b/a PACIFIC POWER &  
LIGHT,

To Initiate an Investigation of Multi-  
Jurisdictional Issues.

DOCKET NO. UE-020319

ORDER DENYING PETITION  
AND AUTHORIZING  
PARTICIPATION IN MULTI-  
STATE DISCUSSIONS

**I. BACKGROUND**

1 On March 11, 2002, PacifiCorp (or Company) filed a petition (Attached as Appendix A to this Order) requesting the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (or Commission) to:

- (1) Open a new docket for the purpose of initiating an investigation of a number of issues related to PacifiCorp's status as a multi-jurisdictional utility, and
- (2) Endorse a proposed process through which these issues can be considered in the first instance by stakeholders from all of the Company's jurisdictions (California, Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming) in a multi-state process.

2 Under the Company's proposal, following the conclusion of the proposed multi-state process, the Commission would complete its investigation with the benefit of the record assembled in the multi-state process.

**II. DISCUSSION**

3 The Commission believes that informal multi-state discussions may be useful to address the inter-jurisdictional allocation issues raised by PacifiCorp in its petition. Such participation is in the public interest. However, the Commission has concerns about participating in the formal segment of the Company's proposed process in the manner that the Company asks. Therefore, at this juncture, the Commission authorizes participation in the informal phase only. As proposed, the informal phase of the process will not be conducted by an administrative law judge. Nor will the informal discussions of the participants be recorded. Finally, the Commission will not be bound by any position taken by its representatives in the informal process and

is not bound to further participate in any subsequent formal process to address the issues raised by PacifiCorp. Like other participating jurisdictions, the Commission will independently review, at the appropriate time, any proposed principles of inter-jurisdictional allocation applicable to PacifiCorp.

**III. ORDER**

THE COMMISSION ORDERS That:

- 4 (1) PacifiCorp's petition to initiate an investigation of multi-jurisdictional issues and endorse PacifiCorp's proposed process is denied.

THE COMMISSION FURTHER ORDERS ON ITS OWN MOTION That:

- 5 (2) The Commission authorizes participation in multi-state discussions concerning inter-jurisdictional issues affecting PacifiCorp through the informal phase of the process currently scheduled to conclude on June 25, 2002. The Commission understands that the scheduled dates may be revised.

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner