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#### RE: Major Event Report—November 17-18, 2015

Pacific Power & Light Company (Pacific Power or Company), a division of PacifiCorp, is claiming major event exclusion for the outages that affected its Yakima and Walla Walla service area on November 17-18, 2015.

The basis for exclusion is the number of customers affected and the damage that occurred to the Company's facilities in each event. Please find attached the details regarding the major event including costs incurred, restoration resources, number of customers off supply, customer minutes lost, and SAIDI, SAIFI, and MAIFI figures.

The Company will exclude outage information for this event from its network performance reporting and from customer guarantee failure payments.

Please direct any informal inquiries regarding this filing to Ariel Son, Manager, Regulatory Projects, at (503) 813-5410.

Sincerely,

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**Enclosures** 

### Report to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

#### **Electric Service Reliability - Major Event Report**

Event Date: November 17-18, 2015

Date Submitted: January 27, 2016

Primary Affected Locations: Yakima and Walla Walla

Primary Cause: Wind and Rain Storm

Exclude from Reporting Status: Yes

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#### **Event Description**

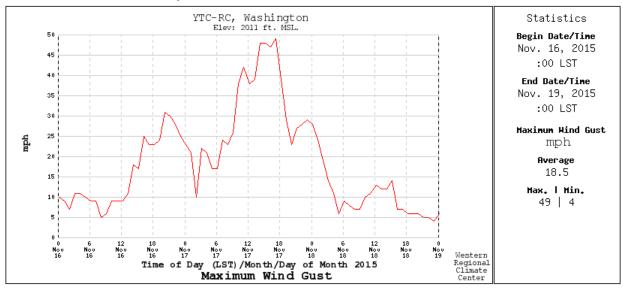
On November 17, 2015, the Yakima and Walla Walla area experienced a severe wind and rain storm. The storm brought high winds and rain to the northwest. Yakima sustained 63% of all the outages that occurred during the major event. Pole fire-related outages accounted for approximately 32% of all outages, affecting more than 2,200 customers, with a total of over 970,000 customer minutes lost. Tree related outages accounted for approximately 27% of all incidents, affecting over 1,800 customers, with over 445,000 customer minutes lost.

During the storm two significant outages occurred. The most substantial outage occurred at 6:14 pm in Walla Walla when a large tree fell on a primary overhead line. The outage affected 1,611 customers, with 924 customers restored at 9:34 pm, and 687 customers restored at 10:07 pm. In Yakima, circuit 5Y607 sustained the greatest impact during the event due to a pole fire, experiencing a total of 450,349 minutes lost.

Event Outage Summ	ary
# Interruptions (sustained)	106
Total Customer Interrupted (sustained)	6,870
<b>Total Customer Minutes Lost</b>	1,839,623
State Event SAIDI Impact	13.4 Minutes
CAIDI	268
Major Event Start	11/17/15 11:13 AM
Major Event End	11/18/15 5:30 PM

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pole fires occur when atmospheric conditions with light misting rain bonds with contaminants resulting in a breakdown of insulation, which leads to leakage current. If this leakage current passes through a dry wood pocket on its path to ground, it can ignite the crossarm or pole.

#### Wind Gust November 16-18, 2015



http://www.raws.com

### **Restoration Summary**

During the storm a total of 106 sustained outages occurred, and at its peak 4,077 customers were without power. Restoration activities utilized 49 operations personnel. A total of 35 journeymen took part in the restoration efforts, replacing approximately 8,000 feet of conductor, 29 insulators, 25 cutouts, 28 crossarms, and five transformers. During the duration of the major event, 27% of customers interrupted were restored within 3 hours; no customers were off supply for more than 24 hours.

There were no company or commission customer complaints made regarding the major event.

#### **Restoration Intervals**

Total Customers Sustained	< 3 Hrs.	3 - 24 Hrs.	24+ Hrs.
6,870	1,873	4,997	0

#### **Restoration Resources**

Personnel Resources	
Service Coordinators	3
Mechanics	1
Metermen	2
Plant Journeymen	3
Collectors	2
Estimators	1
General Foreman	2
Journeyman	35
TOTAL	49

Materials	
Insulators	29
Pole top extender	8
Cutouts	25
Approximate Line Feet (conductor)	8,000 ft
Crossarms	28
Transformers (pole mounted)	5

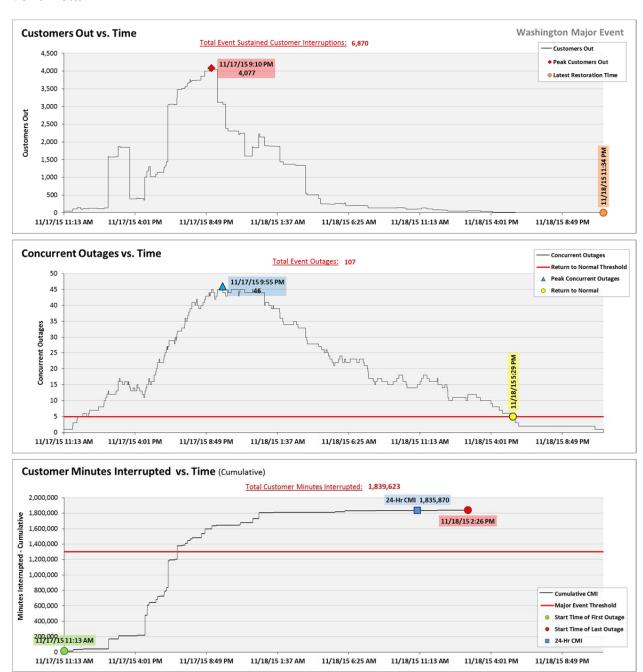
## **Estimated Major Event Costs**

Estimate \$	Labor	Contracts	Materials	Total
Capital	\$13,000	\$25,000	\$27,000	\$65,000
Expense	\$119,000	\$123,000	\$24,000	\$266,000
Total	\$132,000	\$148,000	\$51,000	\$331,000

## **Major Event Declaration**

Pacific Power is requesting designation of this event and its consequences to be classified as a "Major Event" for exclusion from network performance reporting with the IEEE 1366-2003/2012. This major event exceeded the company's current Washington threshold of 1,299,474 customer minutes lost (9.46 state SAIDI minutes) in a 24-hour period.

#### **Event Detail**



## SAIDI, SAIFI, CAIDI by Reliability Reporting Region

Please see the attached system-generated reports.

# PacifiCorp Major Event Report Customer Analysis

	Washington		Cu 11/17/2015	stomer Analys through	Customers Restored by Intervals								Major Event Only - metric by operating area customer counts				
	PacifiCorp Major Events Report Customer Analysis*	Sustained Customers Off	% Sustained Customers Off	CML	Number of Sustained Interruptions	Customer Count	< 5 min	5 min - 3 hrs	3 hrs - 24 hrs	24 hrs - 48 hrs	48 hrs - 72 hrs		96 + hrs	% Sustained Customers Restored in 3 Hours PS4	SAIDI	SAIFI	CAIDI
								•	•	•	•	•	•				
PC	PACIFICORP	6,870	0%	1,839,623	106	1,887,237	75	1,980	4,890	-	-	-	-	29%	0.97	0.004	268
PP	Pacific Power	6,870	1%	1,839,623	106	793,118	75	1,980	4,890	-	-	-	-	29%	2.32	0.009	268
WA	Washington	6,870	5%	1,839,623	106	137,313	75	1,980	4,890	-	-	-	-	29%	13.40	0.004	268
WA	SUNNYSIDE	187	1%	88,336	9	25,181	-	10	177	-	-	-	-	5%	3.51	0.007	472
WA	WALLA WALLA	2,018	7%	461,311	31	28,719	-	91	1,927	-	-	-	-	5%	16.06	0.070	229
WA	YAKIMA	4,665	6%	1,289,976	66	83,410	75	1,879	2,786	-	-	-	-	40%	15.47	0.056	277

<sup>\*</sup>Only current event specific metric impact shown. Does not include values from other events which may have occurred in other regions durring the same time period.

		<b>Custome</b> 11/17/2015	r Interrupted through		Customers Restored by Intervals									Major Event Only - metric by state customer counts			
Date*	Sustained Customers Off	% Sustained Customers Off	CML	Number of Sustained Interruptions	Average Customer Count	< 5 min	% Sustained Customers 5 min - 3 hrs - 24 hrs - 48 hrs - 72 hrs - Restored in 3 5 min 3 hrs 24 hrs 48 hrs 72 hrs 96 hrs 96 + hrs Hours PS4					SAIDI	SAIFI	CAIDI			
11/17/2015	6,365	5%	1,731,625	81	137,313	-	1,935	4,430	-	-	-	-	30%	12.61	0.046	272	
11/18/2015	505	0%	107,998	25	137,313	75	45	460	-	-	-	-	9%	0.79	0.004	214	

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Data as of	
12/15/2015	

# PacifiCorp Major Event Report SSC by State Analysis

		Event		11/17/15	through	11/18/15		Month		11/01/15	through	11/30/15		YTD	FY2016	01/01/15	through	11/30/15	
	Washington		Major Events Included			r Event Excl		Major Events Included				Events Excl	uded*	Мајо	r Events Inci		Major Events Excluded*		
	PacifiCorp Major Events Report SSC by State	SAIDI	SAIFI	CAIDI	SAIDI	SAIFI	CAIDI	SAIDI	SAIFI	CAIDI	SAIDI	SAIFI	CAIDI	SAIDI	SAIFI	CAIDI	SAIDI	SAIFI	CAIDI
PC	PacifiCorp	3.73	0.029	128	1.22	0.012	100	13.61	0.100	136	10.00	0.080	124	180.92	1.234	147	130.63	1.038	126
PP	Pacific Power	7.20	0.049	146	1.22	0.009	134	16.77	0.110	152	8.18	0.064	128	178.13	1.166	153	106.64	0.873	122
WA	Washington	13.52	0.051	264	0.004	0.0001	74	35.84	0.137	261	7.25	0.053	136	128.52	1.032	125	80.05	0.647	124
WA	SUNNYSIDE	0.64	0.001	463	-	-	-	5.72	0.034	170	5.03	0.032	156	20.37	0.167	122	19.67	0.166	118
WA	WALLA WALLA	3.36	0.015	229	-	-	-	3.87	0.018	217	0.47	0.003	152	18.17	0.111	163	14.70	0.096	153
WA	YAKIMA	9.51	0.035	272	-	-	-	26.25	0.086	307	1.75	0.018	97	89.98	0.753	120	45.68	0.385	119

<sup>\*</sup>may include other regional major event exclusions durring the same period.

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