

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	DOCKET NO. UE-032065
TRANSPORTATION	)	
COMMISSION,	)	ORDER NO. 01
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
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PACIFICORP, d/b/a PACIFIC	)	
POWER & LIGHT COMPANY,	)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
	)	SUSPENDING TARIFF
Respondent.	)	REVISIONS
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**BACKGROUND**

1 On December 16, 2003, PacifiCorp, d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company, (“PacifiCorp” or “Company”) filed with the Commission revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-74, designated as Proposed Revision Sheet Numbers:

Twelfth Revision of Sheet No. B	Tariff Index
Seventh Revision of Sheet No. 15.1	Schedule 15 Outdoor Area Lighting Service
Tenth Revision of Sheet No. 16	Schedule 16 Residential Service
Sixth Revision of Sheet No. 17.1	Schedule 17 Low Income Bill Assistance
Fifth Revision of Sheet No. 18.1	Schedule 18 Three Phase Residential Service Rider
Fifth Revision of Sheet No. 24.1	Schedule 24 Small General Service
Thirteenth Revision of Sheet No. 24.2	Schedule 24 Small General Service
Original Sheet No. 24.3	Schedule 24 Small General Service
Seventh Revision of Sheet No. 36.1	Schedule 36 Large General Service – Less Than 1,000 kW
Ninth Revision of Sheet No. 36.2	Schedule 36 Large General Service – Less Than 1,000 kW
Third Revision of Sheet No. 36.3	Schedule 36 Large General Service – Less Than 1,000 kW

Tenth Revision of Sheet No. 40.1	Schedule 40 Agricultural Pumping Service
Twelfth Revision of Sheet No. 40.2	Schedule 40 Agricultural Pumping Service
Original Sheet No. 40.3	Schedule 40 Agricultural Pumping Service
Seventh Revision of Sheet No. 48T.1	Schedule 48T Large General Service – Metered Time of Use 1,000 kW and Over
Seventh Revision of Sheet No. 51.1	Schedule 51 High Pressure Sodium Vapor Street Lighting Service
Seventh Revision of Sheet No. 52	Schedule 52 Street Lighting Service Company-Owned System
Seventh Revision of Sheet No. 53	Schedule 53 Street Lighting Service Customer-Owned System
Seventh Revision of Sheet No. 54.1	Schedule 54 Recreational Field Lighting – Restricted
Seventh Revision of Sheet No. 57.1	Schedule 57 Mercury Vapor Street Lighting Service – No New Service
Seventh Revision of Sheet No. 57.2	Schedule 57 Mercury Vapor Street Lighting Service – No New Service
Original Sheet No. 96	Schedule 96 Adjustment Associated with the Aquila Hydro Hedge

- 2 The filing would increase charges and rates for service provided by PacifiCorp. Because those increases might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public and PacifiCorp has not demonstrated that the increases would result in rates that are fair, just and reasonable, the Commission suspends the tariff filing and will hold public hearings if necessary to determine whether the proposed increases are fair, just and reasonable.

### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 3 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public

service companies, including electrical companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 80.04 RCW; and Chapter 80.28 RCW.*

- 4 (2) PacifiCorp is an electrical company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 5 (3) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 14, 2004.
- 6 (4) The tariff revisions filed by PacifiCorp on December 16, 2003, would increase charges and rates for service provided by PacifiCorp, and might injuriously affect the rights and interest of the public.
- 7 (5) PacifiCorp has not yet demonstrated that the tariff revisions would result in rates that are fair, just and reasonable.
- 8 (6) In order to carry out the duties imposed upon the Commission by law, and as authorized in RCW 80.04.130, the Commission believes it is necessary to investigate PacifiCorp's books, accounts, practices and activities; to make a valuation or appraisal of PacifiCorp's property; and to investigate and appraise various phases of PacifiCorp's operations.
- 9 (7) As required by RCW 80.04.130 (2), PacifiCorp bears the burden of proof to show that the proposed increases are fair, just and reasonable.
- 10 (8) PacifiCorp may be required to pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to such an investigation to the extent the requirements for such payment are in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80.20 RCW.

## ORDER

### THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 (1) The tariff revisions filed on December 16, 2003, are suspended.
- 12 (2) The Commission will hold hearings at such times and places as may be required.
- 13 (3) PacifiCorp must not change or alter the tariffs filed in this docket during the suspension period, unless authorized by the Commission.
- 14 (4) The Commission will institute an investigation of PacifiCorp's books, accounts, practices, activities, property and operations as described above.
- 15 (5) PacifiCorp shall pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to the Commission's investigation to the extent the requirements for such payment are in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80.20 RCW.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 14th day of January, 2004.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner