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Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P. O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: Washington Utilities and Transp. Comm'n v. Pacific Power & Light Co.

**Docket UE-144160** 

Dear Mr. King:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are the original and one copy of a Joint Motion to Cancel Hearing, and Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER M. CASEY Assistant Attorney General

CMC/emd Enclosures

cc: Parties w/enc.

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

DOCKET UE-144160

Complainant,

JOINT MOTION TO CANCEL HEARING

v.

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PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY,

Respondent.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Staff of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission"), Pacific Power & Light Company ("Pacific Power"), the Renewable Energy Coalition, and Boise White Paper, LLC (collectively, the "Parties") submit this Joint Motion to Cancel Hearing pursuant to WAC 480-07-375.

## II. RELIEF REQUESTED

The Parties jointly request that the Commission cancel the hearing scheduled for August 14, 2015.

#### III. STATEMENT OF FACTS

On December 29, 2014, Pacific Power filed a tariff revision with the Commission updating its avoided cost tariff, Schedule 37. The Commission suspended operation of the tariff on February 12, 2015, by Order 01 entered in this docket.

On April 23, 2015, the Commission convened a prehearing conference, during which the Parties proposed a procedural schedule that included a "BAP-style hearing, if necessary." Administrative Law Judge Moss noted—and the parties agreed—that it

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Transcript of Prehearing Conference at 8, Wash. Utils. & Transp. Comm'n v. Pacific Power & Light Co., Docket UE-144160.

appeared the case would either settle or "be resolved more or less on the basis of a paper record." In Order 02, the Commission established the procedural schedule, as proposed by the Parties.

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On July 31, 2015, after all written testimony had been filed, the Parties each agreed that the hearing scheduled for August 14, 2015, is not necessary, and that the case is best resolved on the basis of a paper record. The Parties also reviewed their respective calendars to see if they could accommodate an earlier briefing schedule, but determined they could not due to their respective prior obligations. Accordingly, the Parties each agreed that the hearing should be canceled, and that the remainder of the procedural schedule should be maintained.

#### IV. STATEMENT OF ISSUES

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Whether the Commission should grant the Parties' joint request to cancel the hearing because the Parties each agree that a hearing is not necessary, and that the case is best resolved on the basis of a paper record?

#### V. EVIDENCE RELIED UPON

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Transcript of Prehearing Conference, Wash. Utils. & Transp. Comm'n v. Pacific Power & Light Co., Docket UE-144160, April 23, 2015.

#### VI. ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

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The Commission should grant the joint request of the Parties to cancel the hearing. A party may make a procedural motion under WAC 480-07-375(1)(b). Pursuant thereto, the Parties submit this Joint Motion to Cancel Hearing. At the prehearing conference, the Parties proposed that the procedural schedule included a hearing, but anticipated that it might not be necessary. Now that written testimony is complete, the Parties all agree that the hearing is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Id*. at 9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 8.

not necessary, and that the case is best resolved on the basis of a paper record. The Parties further agree that the procedural schedule, post-hearing, should be maintained as established in Order 02. The Commission should grant the joint request of the Parties to cancel the hearing.

DATED this 4th day of August, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Docket UE-144160 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the attached Joint Motion to Cancel Hearing upon the persons and entities listed on the Service List below via e-mail and by depositing a copy of said document in the United States mail, addressed as shown on said Service List, with first class postage prepaid.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this 4th day of August, 2015.

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