

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

In the Matter of

PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT  
COMPANY'S

Proposed Request for Proposals

DOCKET UE-111804

ORDER 01

ORDER APPROVING REQUEST  
FOR PROPOSALS

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On October 14, 2011, Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp or Company), filed a proposed Request for Proposals for Market Resources (Market RFP) with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission), pursuant to WAC 480-107-015(3)(b). The Market RFP was posted on the Commission's Web site on October 14, 2011.
- 2 WAC 480-107-015(3)(b) provides that a utility must submit a proposed request for proposals (RFP) and accompanying documentation describing its solicitation of bids for delivering electric capacity, energy, or electric capacity and energy, or conservation no later than 135 days after the utility's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) is due to be filed with the Commission. PacifiCorp requested and was granted an exemption from a portion of the rules in Docket UE-111418.<sup>1</sup>
- 3 Interested persons are then provided a 60-day opportunity within which to provide comments on the proposed RFP. After the close of the 60-day comment period, the Commission has 30 days to determine whether to approve or suspend the RFP, as filed.
- 4 The Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity to Comment to all interested persons on November 9, 2011. The 60-day comment period, starting from the filing date, for PacifiCorp's proposed RFP closed on December 14, 2011. During the 60-day comment period, the Commission received no comments on the Market RFP.

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<sup>1</sup> *In the Matter of the Petition of PacifiCorp, d.b.a. Pacific Power & Light Company for Waiver of Certain Requirements Related to Requests for Proposals Contained in WAC 480-107, Docket UE-111418, Order 01 (October 14, 2011).*

5 WAC 480-107-015(3)(c) provides that a utility must solicit bids for electric power and electrical savings within 30 days of a Commission order approving an RFP.

6 Staff subsequently reviewed the current IRP and contents of the proposed Market RFP for consistency with the rule. Staff has concluded that the Company has satisfied the requirements of WAC 480-107-015 and WAC 480-107-025, and therefore recommends that the Commission approve the proposed Market RFP.

### **FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

7 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the state of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including electric companies. *RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and RCW 80.28.*

8 (2) PacifiCorp is an electric company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.

9 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 29, 2011.

10 (4) PacifiCorp has demonstrated that its Market RFP meets the regulatory requirements for approval and is otherwise in the public interest.

11 (5) After reviewing PacifiCorp's Market RFP, which the Company filed on October 14, 2011, and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds it is in the public interest to approve PacifiCorp's Market RFP, as authorized by WAC 480-107.

**ORDER**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 12 (1) The proposed Request for Proposals for Market Resources, which Pacific Power & Light Company filed on October 14, 2011, is approved pursuant to WAC 480-107-015(3)(b).
- 13 (2) Pacific Power & Light Company must issue a solicitation for bids for electric power within 30 days of the date of this Order, pursuant to WAC 480-107-015(3)(c).
- 14 (3) This Order shall not affect the Commission's authority over rates, services, accounts, valuations, estimates, or determination of costs, on any matters that may come before it. Nor shall this Order be construed as an agreement to any estimate or determination of costs, or any valuation of property claimed or asserted.
- 15 (4) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Pacific Power & Light Company to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective December 29, 2011.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Acting Secretary