

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

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

Respondent.

DOCKET UE-210402

ORDER 01

COMPLAINT AND ORDER  
SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISIONS

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On June 1, 2021, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective tariff WN U-76, as listed in the appendix attached to this Order. PacifiCorp characterizes its filing as a Power Cost Only Rate Case (PCORC). In PacifiCorp's last general rate case, the Commission approved a full settlement, subject to conditions, which required the Company to file a PCORC by June 1, 2021.<sup>1</sup>
- 2 Specifically, PacifiCorp proposes in this filing to increase electric rates by \$13.1 million, or an average increase of approximately 3.73 percent across all customer classes, with a stated effective date of January 1, 2022.

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<sup>1</sup> *WUTC v. PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company*, Docket UE-191024 (consolidated) Final Order 09 ¶ 64 (December 14, 2020) (“The Parties agree that PacifiCorp will file a PCORC by June 1, 2021.”).

### DISCUSSION AND DECISION

3 PacifiCorp's requested increase might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the  
public, and PacifiCorp has not demonstrated that the increase would result in rates that  
are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient. Pursuant to RCW 80.04.130(1), the Commission,  
therefore, suspends the tariff filing and will hold public hearings, if necessary, to  
determine whether the proposed increases are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.

### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with  
the authority to regulate rates, regulations, and practices of public service  
companies, including electric companies.
- 5 (2) PacifiCorp is an electric company and a public service company subject to  
Commission jurisdiction.
- 6 (3) The tariff revisions PacifiCorp filed on June 1, 2021, would increase charges and  
rates for service provided by PacifiCorp and might injuriously affect the rights  
and interest of the public.
- 7 (4) PacifiCorp has not yet demonstrated that the tariff revisions would result in rates  
that are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.
- 8 (5) 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 (6) The Commission finds that this docket meets the criteria of WAC 480-07-  
400(2)(b)(i) and that the parties may conduct discovery pursuant to the  
Commission's discovery rules in WAC 480-07-400 – 425.
- 10 (7) As required by RCW 80.04.130(4), PacifiCorp bears the burden to prove that the  
proposed increases are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.
- 11 (8) PacifiCorp may be required to pay the expenses reasonably attributable and  
allocable to such an investigation, consistent with RCW 80.20.

**ORDER**

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 12 (1) The tariff revisions PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company filed on  
June 1, 2021, are suspended.
- 13 (2) The Commission will hold hearings at such times and places as may be required.
- 14 (3) PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company must not change or alter the  
tariffs filed in this docket during the suspension period unless authorized by the  
Commission.
- 15 (4) The Commission will institute an investigation of PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power  
& Light Company's books, accounts, practices, activities, property, and  
operations as described above.
- 16 (5) The parties may conduct discovery pursuant to the Commission's discovery rules  
in WAC 480-07-400 – 425.
- 17 (6) PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company shall pay the expenses  
reasonably attributable and allocable to the Commission's investigation to the  
extent required in Chapter 80.20 RCW.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective June 15, 2021.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Chair

ANN E. RENDAHL, Commissioner

JAY M. BALASBAS, Commissioner

**Appendix**  
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1 <sup>st</sup> Revision Sheet No. 15.1	Canceling	Original Sheet No. 15.1
1 <sup>st</sup> Revision Sheet No. 16.1	Canceling	Original Sheet No. 16.1
1 <sup>st</sup> Revision Sheet No. 17.1	Canceling	Original Sheet No. 17.1
1 <sup>st</sup> Revision Sheet No. 19.1	Canceling	Original Sheet No. 19.1
1 <sup>st</sup> Revision Sheet No. 24.2	Canceling	Original Sheet No. 24.2
1 <sup>st</sup> Revision Sheet No. 29.1	Canceling	Original Sheet No. 29.1
1 <sup>st</sup> Revision Sheet No. 36.2	Canceling	Original Sheet No. 36.2
2 <sup>nd</sup> Revision Sheet No. 40.1	Canceling	1 <sup>st</sup> Revision Sheet No. 40.1
1 <sup>st</sup> Revision Sheet No. 48T.1	Canceling	Original Sheet No. 48T.1
1 <sup>st</sup> Revision Sheet No. 51.1	Canceling	Original Sheet No. 51.1
1 <sup>st</sup> Revision Sheet No. 53.1	Canceling	Original Sheet No. 53.1