

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of

PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT,

Petitioner,

Seeking Exemption from the Provisions
of WAC 480-100-238(4) Relating to the
Timing of Integrated Resource Plan
Filings

DOCKET UE-160353

ORDER 01

ORDER GRANTING
TEMPORARY
EXEMPTION FROM RULE

BACKGROUND

- 1 On March 17, 2017, Pacific Power & Light (Pacific Power or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition requesting an exemption from WAC 480-100-238(4).
- 2 WAC 480-100-238(4) requires electric companies to submit an Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) within two years of the date of its previous filing. The current deadline for the Company's 2017 IRP is March 31, 2017. The company requests an extension to submit its IRP filing by April 4, 2017.
- 3 Pacific Power stated in its cover letter for a replacement page modifying its IRP work plan that it requires two additional working days to finalize the preparations of its IRP filing, citing unforeseen staffing constraints and logistics delays with printing.
- 4 Commission staff (Staff) has no objection to the Company's request for two additional business days to submit its IRP, which will likely increase the quality of its final filing. Staff finds that granting the exemption is in the public interest and the underlying purpose of the IRP rule, and recommends granting Pacific Power's request for a temporary exemption from WAC 480-100-238(4), thereby allowing the Company to file its 2017 IRP by April 4, 2017.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The 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.
- 6 (2) Pacific Power is engaged in the business of providing electric services within the state of Washington and is a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 7 (3) Pacific Power is subject to WAC 480-100-238(4), which requires electric companies to submit an IRP within two years after the date on which the previous plan was filed with the Commission.
- 8 (4) Pacific Power requests an exemption from WAC 480-100-238(4) to change the filing date of its 2017 IRP from March 31, 2017, to April 4, 2017.
- 9 (5) Under WAC 480-100-008, the Commission may grant an exemption from the provisions of any rule in WAC 480-100, if consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes.
- 10 (6) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 29, 2017.
- 11 (7) After review of the petition filed in Docket UE-160353 by Pacific Power on March 17, 2017, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is in the public interest and is consistent with the purposes underlying the regulation and applicable statutes, and therefore should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 12 (1) Pacific Power & Light is granted a temporary exemption from WAC 480-100-238(4), allowing the Company to file its 2017 Integrated Resource Plan on or before April 4, 2017.

- 13 (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Pacific Power & Light 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 March 29, 2017.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary