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**NOTICE OF PROCESS AND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE FOR  
PHASE II<sup>1</sup> OF DOCKET UE-140762  
(Oral Argument, if needed, May 18, 2015)**

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Pacific Power & Light Company*, Docket UE-140762, et al.

Pacific Power & Light Company (Pacific Power) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) on May 1, 2014, revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-75, designed to effect a general rate increase for electric service. The Commission entered Order 08, its Final Order in this proceeding, on March 25, 2015. Order 08, among other things, requires the conduct of expedited further proceedings to develop and implement a full Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism (PCAM) for Pacific Power consistent with the Commission's direction in prior orders and its discussion in Order 08 outlining the general parameters for such a mechanism, as presented by Staff.<sup>2</sup> The Commission expects to complete the proceeding, resulting in a tariff filing by Pacific Power, no later than May 31, 2015.<sup>3</sup>

The Commission conducted a prehearing conference on April 10, 2015, to establish process and set a procedural schedule to complete the PCAM supplemental proceedings, as ordered. Pacific Power, Commission regulatory staff (Staff), Public Counsel, and Boise White Paper intend to participate in Phase II and were represented during the prehearing conference. Other parties do not intend to participate actively and were excused from attending the prehearing conference. These nonparticipating parties do not

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<sup>1</sup> These are expedited further proceedings ordered by the Commission in Order 08, its Final Order in these dockets, to develop and implement a full Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism (PCAM) for Pacific Power. The Commission, for convenience, refers to this as Phase II of Docket UE-140762.

<sup>2</sup> See Order 08 ¶¶ 105-127.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* ¶¶ 121, 126.

need to be included in the service of any filings by participating parties, but remain parties to Docket UE-140762 for purposes of receiving official issuances from the Commission.

Following discussion during the prehearing conference, the presiding officer accepted the parties' agreed proposal to proceed in Phase II using a collaborative approach with technical conferences to be conducted on April 16, 2015, and April 23, 2015. Any discovery required, which the Commission anticipates will be very limited in scope, will be conducted with a three-business day response time for data requests.

The primary goal of the technical conferences is to achieve agreement on the specific elements that should be included in Pacific Power's PCAM. If this goal is achieved, the parties will file a joint proposal by May 1, 2015, setting forth the details of the PCAM tariff that Pacific Power will file by May 31, 2015. If the parties cannot reach agreement on all elements required to implement a PCAM for the Company, they will file on May 1, 2015, their individual proposals followed by an opportunity for other parties to respond and, finally, for Pacific Power and any parties that fully support its proposal, to offer rebuttal. The parties agreed to May 18, 2015, as the date for any required oral argument. It remains the Commission's goal, under either approach, to have Pacific Power file tariff sheets to implement a PCAM with an effective date in the first half of June 2015, or sooner. The full schedule is summarized in the table below.

<b>PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>Prehearing Conference</b>	<b>4/10/2015</b>
<b>Technical conference</b>	<b>4/16/2015</b>
<b>Technical conference</b>	<b>4/23/2015</b>
<b>Status conference</b>	<b>4/23/2015 (4:00 p.m.)</b>
<b>Joint, or individual, proposals filing deadline</b>	<b>5/1/2015 (electronic, via portal, by 3:00 p.m.)</b>
<b>Oral argument, if needed</b>	<b>5/18/2015 (1:30 p.m.)</b>
<b>Tariff Filing Date</b>	<b>5/31/15</b>

The Commission commends the parties for their willingness to conduct this process in a collaborative and cooperative manner.

DENNIS J. MOSS  
 Administrative Law Judge  
 cc: All Parties