BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

) DOCKET UE-070117
) ORDER 02
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ORDER GRANTING TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM WAC 480-100-238(4)

BACKGROUND

- On February 13, 2007, Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp or Company) filed a second petition requesting temporary exemption from WAC 480-100-238(4).
- WAC 480-100-238 requires electric companies to file an Integrated Resource Plan every two years.
- PacifiCorp requests an extension of time from February 19, 2007 to April 20, 2007, to file an Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) for 2006. PacifiCorp offers many of the same reasons to justify its second extension request as it offered the first time. In addition, PacifiCorp states that key employees are occupied in the rate case proceeding before the Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission), and the Company needs more time to evaluate the impact of recent legislation in Washington, California and Oregon.
- WAC 480-100-238 requires that each regulated utility must file its IRP every two years with an executable two-year action plan. A temporary one time extension may not fundamentally alter the findings of the IRP. However, if requests for extension of filing dates become routine, then the applicable IRP rule becomes moot. This is why the Commission must ensure that the utilities comply with the rules. In addition, the Commission's staff must have adequate time to review the filed plan. Departures from the Commission's rules restrict the time that staff has to properly review the filed plan.

- Commission Staff (Staff) reviewed PacifiCorp's request and recommended granting its request for temporary exemption from the rule, subject to the following condition(s):
 - PacifiCorp's draft 2006 IRP will be filed by April 20, 2007;
 - PacifiCorp's final 2006 IRP will be filed by May 30, 2007;
 - The requested temporary exemption is applicable only to the 2006 IRP;
 - The 2008 IRP will be filed by January 20, 2009;
 - Future IRP filings will be made in a timely manner even when there are unresolved issues with other state regulatory commissions;
 - All interested stakeholders and participants will be notified of the change in the filing date of the IRP.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies, including gas companies. *RCW* 80.01.040, *RCW* 80.04, *RCW* 80.28, *RCW* 80.08 and *RCW* 80.12.
- PacifiCorp is engaged in the business of providing electric service within the state of Washington and is a public service Company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under the provisions of RCW 80.28.
- PacifiCorp is subject to the provisions of WAC 480-100-238, requiring electric companies to file an Integrated Resource Plan every two years.
- WAC 480-100-008 provides that 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.
- This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 28, 2007.
- 11 (6) After review of the petition filed in Docket UE-070117 by PacifiCorp on February 13, 2007, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the

exemption is reasonable and should be granted, subject to conditions to ensure timely filing of future Integrated Resource Plans.

ORDER

- 12 (1) After the effective date of this Order, Pacific Power & Light Company is granted a temporary exemption from WAC 480-100-238(4), until April 20, 2007.
- 13 (2) This temporary exemption is subject to the following conditions:
 - PacifiCorp's draft 2006 IRP will be filed by April 20, 2007;
 - PacifiCorp's final 2006 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) will be filed by May 30, 2007;
 - The requested temporary exemption is applicable only to the 2006 IRP;
 - The 2008 IRP will be filed by January 20, 2009;
 - Future IRP filings will be made in a timely manner even when there are unresolved issues with other state regulatory commissions:
 - All interested stakeholders and participants will be notified of the change in the filing date of the IRP.
- 14 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Pacific Power & Light Company to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective February 28, 2007.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK H. SIDRAN, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner