

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET UE-100749
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
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Complainant,)	ORDER 13
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v.)	
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PACIFICORP D/B/A PACIFIC)	ORDER AUTHORIZING REVISION
POWER & LIGHT COMPANY,)	TO SCHEDULE 95 AND
)	REQUIRING FUTURE
Respondent.)	COMPLIANCE FILINGS
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BACKGROUND

- 1 By Order 06, entered March 25, 2011, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) resolved all issues regarding PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company’s (PacifiCorp or Company) request for a general rate increase except for certain issues regarding the appropriate treatment of the proceeds from the Company’s sale of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs). The Commission concluded in that order that those proceeds should be distributed to PacifiCorp’s ratepayers as a bill credit, and pending resolution of other issues, required the Company to begin crediting customers for REC sales proceeds based on a forecast of future REC sales proceeds, subject to true-up to actual amounts PacifiCorp received.
- 2 The Commission entered Order 12 on December 28, 2012. That order modified Order 06 to require PacifiCorp to file a full accounting of the REC sales proceeds the Company received from April 3, 2011, through December 31, 2012, along with a forecast of the REC sales proceeds PacifiCorp reasonably anticipates receiving in 2013 and a proposed revision to the credit in Schedule 95 to reconcile the past overpayments through credit amounts paid over the coming calendar year.
- 3 PacifiCorp made a filing in compliance with Order 12 on January 16, 2012. The Company calculated the actual REC sales proceeds credited to customers through the end of 2012 and estimated proceeds for calendar year 2013. Based on those figures,

PacifiCorp represents that it will have over-credited customers \$3.6 million by the end of this year if Schedule 95 remains unaltered. Accordingly, PacifiCorp proposes to revise the credit amounts in Schedule 95 to zero cents per kilowatt hour effective immediately.

- 4 On January 31, 2013, Commission Staff (Staff) and the Public Counsel Section of the Washington Attorney General's Office (Public Counsel) filed responses to PacifiCorp's compliance filing. Staff states that the parties met prior to PacifiCorp making its filing and reached consensus on how to address the Schedule 95 issues. Because the filing is consistent with that consensus, Staff states that it takes no exception to that filing.
- 5 Public Counsel would prefer for the Company to address its overpayment issue simultaneously with crediting customers for historic REC sales proceeds but recognizes that the Commission is not prepared to take that approach at this time. Under these circumstances, Public Counsel does not oppose PacifiCorp's proposal to revise Schedule 95. No other party responded to, or otherwise commented on, the Company's filing.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

- 6 No party disputes that PacifiCorp is over-crediting its customers under the current Schedule 95 or that reducing those credits to zero cents per kilowatt hour is reasonable in light of those over-credits and the REC sales proceeds the Company anticipates receiving in 2013. The Commission agrees and authorizes PacifiCorp to revise Schedule 95 as the Company has proposed. In light of the delay in making this true-up filing, moreover, we will establish a more explicit requirement for making future compliance filings.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS that:

- 7 (1) PacifiCorp may revise Schedule 95 to reflect a credit of zero cents per kilowatt hour effective immediately, and that credit amount shall remain in effect pending further order of the Commission.

- 8 (2) Beginning in 2014 unless the Commission adopts a different mechanism for crediting ongoing REC sales proceeds to customers, PacifiCorp must make the annual report and true-up filing contemplated in Order 06 by January 31 of each year. That filing must include (a) the actual REC sales proceeds attributable to Washington that PacifiCorp received during the prior calendar year; (b) the total amount of Schedule 95 credits the Company provided to its customers during that calendar year; (c) a forecast of the REC sales proceeds attributable to Washington that PacifiCorp reasonably anticipates receiving during the upcoming calendar year; and (d) any proposed revision to the credit rate in Schedule 95 to be in effect during the upcoming calendar year.
- 9 (3) The Executive Director and Secretary is authorized to review and make the appropriate determinations on these compliance filings.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective February 12, 2013.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Chairman

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner