

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UE-072123
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PACIFICORP dba PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY)	ORDER 03
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Petitioner,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING
Requesting a Modification to the Filing Requirements contained in WAC 480-100-275)	MODIFICATION TO THE REQUIREMENT TO FILE RESULTS OF OPERATIONS
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On August 15, 2012, PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp or Company) filed a petition requesting a 30 day extension for reporting its actual quarterly results of operations report as required in WAC 480-100-275, and Order 02. PacifiCorp requested the extension beginning with the quarter ending June 30, 2012 until an alternative to the West Control Area inter-jurisdictional cost allocation methodology (WCA allocation methodology) is adopted by the Commission. In addition, the Company requests that the thirty day extension be applied to the semi-annual environmental remediation expenditures report for the same time period.
- 2 In Order 01, and subsequently in Order 02, the Commission allowed PacifiCorp to file its quarterly actual results of operations reports 90 days from the end of the quarter, rather than the 60 days required by rule, for the quarters ending September 30, 2007, through December 31, 2009. Order 02 extended the timeframe through the quarter ending June 30, 2012. The extension was granted on the condition that the results of Washington operations would be reported using the West Control Area (WCA) allocation methodology approved in Docket UE-061546. PacifiCorp was also granted its request to file its semi-annual report of environmental remediation expenditures, pursuant to Order 01 in Docket UE-031658, with the above quarterly results of actual operations reports.
- 3 PacifiCorp requests a continuation of the 30 day extension to be in effect until such time as the Commission adopts an alternative allocation methodology to the WCA allocation methodology. The 30 day extension gives the Company sufficient time to incorporate the calculations required under the WCA allocation methodology into its quarterly results of operations. For procedural efficiency and to reduce administrative burden, the Company

also requests that the environmental remediation expenditures report continue to be provided with the quarterly results reports and that the 30 day extension also be applied as allowed by Orders 01 and 02.

- 4 Commission Staff has reviewed the request and recommends granting the Company's request to modify the filing requirements in WAC 480-100-275 by allowing PacifiCorp to file its quarterly actual results of operations report 90 days from the end of the quarter. However, Staff recommends that the Commission limit the extension to a five year period through June 30, 2017, or until such time as the Commission adopts an alternative to the WCA allocation methodology. The report should use the Commission's approved allocation method and continue to include the report of environmental remediation expenditures on a semi-annual basis.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) 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 electric companies. RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.28, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and RCW 80.28.
- 6 (2) PacifiCorp is engaged in the business of providing electric services within the state of Washington and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 7 (3) PacifiCorp is subject to the provisions of WAC 480-100-275, requiring electric companies to report Washington results of operations within 60 days of the end of each quarter.
- 8 (4) The UTC approved the WCA allocation method for Washington in Docket UE-061546. The actual results of operations report is to be filed using the WCA allocation method.
- 9 (5) PacifiCorp reports environmental remediation expenditures on a semi-annual basis pursuant to Order 01 in Docket UE-031658. Continuing to submit this

report semi-annually together with the quarterly report of actual operations allows for procedural efficiency and reduces administrative burdens.

- 10 (6) WAC 480-07-110(1) allows the Commission to grant a modification of its rules.
- 11 (7) After review of the petition filed in Docket UE-072123 by PacifiCorp on August 15, 2012, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that a modification to WAC 480-100-275 allowing PacifiCorp to file both reports 90 days after the end of each quarter for a five year period, as recommended by Staff, ending with the reports for the period ending June 30, 2017 or until such time as an alternative to the WCA allocation methodology is adopted by the Commission, is reasonable and should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 12 (1) Effective with the quarter ending June 30, 2012, PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power & Light Company is granted a modification of WAC 480-100-275 and is allowed to file its quarterly actual results of operations reports 90 days from the end of the quarter for a five year period through the period ending June 30, 2017, or until such time as the Commission adopts an alternative to the WCA allocation methodology.
- 13 (2) PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power & Light Company is also granted its request to file its report of environmental remediation expenditures with the above quarterly results of actual operations reports.
- 14 (3) This extension is granted on the condition that the results of Washington operations will be reported using the WCA allocation method approved by the UTC in Docket UE-061546. The Commission retains the authority to rescind this modification of WAC 480-100-275 with due notice.
- 15 (4) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power & Light Company, 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 September 27, 2012.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary