

# Keeping You Informed

## Proposed rate increase

Chinook, coho salmon and steelhead trout now have a safe route to reach the ocean from the Lewis River in southwest Washington, where Pacific Power operates four hydroelectric facilities serving its customers.

The Merwin Fish Collector is a new fish passage facility at Merwin Dam working 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to collect and move adult fish upstream to 77 miles of historic river habitat. The Merwin Fish Collector is a counterpart to the downstream facility at Swift Dam, which collects migrating juvenile fish for transport to the lower river.

On April 14, 2014, Pacific Power filed a separate tariff rider (Schedule 90) with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to reflect in rates the Washington-allocated costs associated with Pacific Power's investment in the Merwin Fish Collector.

The Company's capital investment in the Merwin Fish Collector is approximately \$58.4 million (total company). The Washington-allocated annual cost is approximately \$1.7 million, resulting in an overall rate increase of approximately 0.5 percent. **If approved, a typical Washington customer using 1,300 kilowatt-hours per month will see an increase of \$0.60 per month.**

### Summary of proposed rate increases for Schedule 90

Overall increase in dollars \$1.7 million

Overall increase in percent 0.5%

Type of service	Current rates (¢/kwh)	Proposed rates (¢/kwh)
Residential	0.00	0.046
<b>Commercial/Industrial</b>		
Small general service	0.00	0.047
Medium general service	0.00	0.039
Large general service	0.00	0.036
Public streetlighting	0.00	0.000

The Commission will examine Pacific Power's request. As a result of this examination, the Commission may determine that the schedule should be accepted as filed, modified, or rejected. If accepted as filed, the rate change would go into effect on June 15, 2014.

You are invited to comment to the Commission. The Commission has the authority to set final rates that may be lower or higher than the Company's request, depending on the outcome of its investigation. You can comment by using the "Submit a Comment" feature at the Commission's website, at [utc.wa.gov](http://utc.wa.gov), or by using the contact information below. Please refer to Docket UE-140617 in communications with the Commission. Commission staff will make a recommendation to the commissioners at an open meeting in Olympia. These meetings are regularly scheduled every other Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Please contact the Commission to request to be notified of the scheduled open meeting at which the proposal will be considered by the Commission.

You will have an opportunity to comment in person at this meeting. The UTC is committed to providing reasonable accommodation to participants with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodation, please contact the Commission at 360-664-1132 or [human\\_resources@utc.wa.gov](mailto:human_resources@utc.wa.gov).

If you are unable to attend the open meeting, the Commission has a bridge line which enables you to participate by telephone. Call 360-664-1234 the day before the open meeting for instructions and to sign in.

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