Service Date: April 18, 2025

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

DOCKET UE-250224

Complainant,

ORDER 01

v.

PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC POWER AND LIGHT CO.,

COMPLAINT AND ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISIONS

Respondent.

BACKGROUND

- On April 1, 2025, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power and Light Company (PacifiCorp or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective WN U-76 Tariff for electric service, as listed in Appendix A, attached to this Order. PacifiCorp characterizes its filing as a power cost only rate case (PCORC). The Company files this PCORC in accordance with Order 09 in Docket UE-230172, which required the Company to submit a PCORC to reset the baseline to remove coal-fired resources from rates. The Company's proposed revised tariff sheets provide an effective date of January 1, 2026.
- The Company's filing reflects an increase in revenues of approximately \$33.9 million, or 7.9 percent. A typical residential customer using 1,200 kilowatt-hours per month would see an increase of \$10.43.
- On April 1, 2025, PacifiCorp filed testimony and exhibits with the Commission. In its filing, PacifiCorp agrees to suspend the proposed tariff filing in compliance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-100-194, and thus is not required and has not published notice immediately before filing its tariff revisions. The Company states it will provide notice to the public under WAC 480-100-197(2) and will post the proposed tariff sheets for public inspection pursuant to WAC 480-100-193(1).

DISCUSSION

PacifiCorp's requested increase might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public, and PacifiCorp has not demonstrated that the increase would result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient. Pursuant to RCW 80.04.130(1), the Commission, therefore, suspends the tariff filing and will hold public hearings, if necessary, to determine whether the proposed increases are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, regulations, practices, accounts, and affiliated interests of public service companies, including electric companies.
- 6 (2) PacifiCorp is an electric company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 7 (3) The tariff revisions PacifiCorp filed on April 1, 2025, would increase charges and rates for service provided by PacifiCorp and might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public.
- 8 (4) PacifiCorp has not yet demonstrated that the tariff revisions would result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.
- In order to carry out the duties imposed upon the Commission by law, and as authorized in RCW 80.04.130, the Commission believes it is necessary to investigate PacifiCorp's books, accounts, practices and activities; to make a valuation or appraisal of PacifiCorp's property; and to investigate and appraise various phases of PacifiCorp's operations.
- The Commission finds that this docket meets the criteria of WAC 480-07-400(2)(b)(i) and the parties may conduct discovery pursuant to the Commission's discovery rules in WAC 480-07-400 425.
- 11 (7) As required by RCW 80.04.130(4), PacifiCorp bears the burden to prove that the proposed increases are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.
- PacifiCorp may be required to pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to such an investigation, consistent with RCW 80.20.020.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 13 (1) The tariff revisions PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power and Light Company filed on April 1, 2025, in Docket UE-250224 are suspended.
- 14 (2) The Commission will hold hearings at such times and places as may be required.
- 15 (3) PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power and Light Company must not change or alter the tariffs filed in this docket during the suspension period unless authorized by the Commission.
- 16 (4) The Commission will institute an investigation of PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power and Light Company's books, accounts, practices, activities, property, and operations as described above.
- 17 (5) The parties may conduct discovery pursuant to the Commission's discovery rules in WAC 480-07-400-425.
- 18 (6) PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power and Light Company shall provide notice to the public under WAC 480-100-197(2) and will post the proposed tariff sheets for public inspection pursuant to WAC 480-100-193(1).
- 19 PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power and Light Company shall pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to the Commission's investigation consistent with RCW 80.20.020.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective April 18, 2025.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

BRIAN J. RYBARIK, Chair

ANN E. RENDAHL, Commissioner

MILTON H. DOUMIT, Commissioner

Appendix A WN U-3 Tariff, Natural Gas Service

Fourth Revision of Sheet 15.1	Schedule 15	Outdoor Area Lighting Service
Fourth Revision of Sheet 16.1	Schedule 16	Residential Service
Fifth Revision of Sheet 17.1	Schedule 17	Low Income Bill Assistance
		Program – Residential Service
		Optional for Qualifying
		Customers
Fifth Revision of Sheet 19.1	Schedule 19	Residential Service – Time of Use
		Pilot
Fourth Revision of Sheet 24.2	Schedule 24	Small General Service
Fourth Revision of Sheet 29.1	Schedule 29	Non-Residential Time of Use
		Pilot
Fifth Revision of Sheet 36.2	Schedule 36	Large General Service – Less
		than 1,000 kW
Fourth Revision of Sheet 40.1	Schedule 40	Agricultural Pumping Service
Fourth Revision of Sheet 48T.1	Schedule 48T	Large General Service – Metered
		Time of Use 1,000 kW and Over
Fourth Revision of Sheet 51.1	Schedule 51	Street Lighting Service –
		Company Owned System
Fourth Revision of Sheet 53.1	Schedule 53	Street Lighting Service –
		Customer Owned System
Fourth Revision of Sheet 54.1	Schedule 54	Recreational Field Lighting