

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of	DOCKET UE-180809
PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY,	ORDER 02
Petitioner,	GRANTING ACCOUNTING PETITION
For Accounting Order Authorizing Deferral of Costs programs associated with Transportation Electrification (TE) Plans.	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On September 24, 2018, in Docket UE-180809, Pacific Power & Light Company (Pacific Power or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) an accounting petition (Original Petition) seeking to defer the related costs incurred through the new Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) Pilot Program for later ratemaking treatment. Originally the Company requested that the deferred costs be allowed to accrue interest on the unamortized balance at a rate equal to its authorized weighted average cost of capital.
- 2 On January 22, 2019, Pacific Power filed its first amended petition (First Amended Petition) to change the proposed interest rate on the unamortized balance from the last authorized weighted average cost of capital to the quarterly rate published by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).¹
- 3 In its Original Petition, Pacific Power referenced EVSE Pilot Program costs as defined in Docket UE-180757. The EVSE Pilot Program contains three inter-related pilot programs: the Schedule 45 optional tariff; a Demonstration and Development Program; and an Education and Outreach Program. The Company's Original Petition was a request to defer the costs incurred in implementing these three specific programs. Commission Staff (Staff) recommended during consideration of the Original Petition that if Pacific Power decided to expand its portfolio of EVSE programs and wished to defer the costs of those

¹ PacifiCorp subsequently changed its business name with the Commission from "Pacific Power & Light Company" to "PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company." See *Pacific Power & Light Company's Request to Change Name to PacifiCorp*, Docket UE-191004 (December 5, 2019).

expanded offerings, the Company should file a petition to amend Order 01 in this Docket to include the costs of any newly proposed EVSE efforts.²

4 On January 31, 2019, the Commission entered Order 01, Order Granting Accounting Petition (Order 01), which approved PacifiCorp's First Amended Petition to defer the costs incurred in implementing the three components of the EVSE Pilot Program. Order 01 authorized the Company to track the pilot program costs to FERC Account 182.3— Other Regulatory Assets and to accrue interest on the unamortized balance at the quarterly FERC rate until the Company files for recovery of these amounts.

5 On July 14, 2023, PacifiCorp filed a petition for an amended accounting order (Petition for Amended Order) to request that the Commission amend the accounting order to authorize the Company to defer costs associated with Transportation Electrification (TE) Plans as Staff recommended in Docket UE-180809, Order 01.

6 Staff reviewed the Company's Petition for Amended Order and recommends that the Commission approve the request. Staff believes the Company's request to accrue interest on the unamortized balance at a rate equal to the quarterly rate published by FERC is appropriate.

DISCUSSION

7 We agree with Staff that the Company's Petition for an Amended Order should be granted. Tracking these deferred TE costs in FERC Account 182.3 until a future Commission proceeding is in the public interest because it allows for sufficient time to review for prudence and consider appropriate ratemaking treatment for the demand response resource.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

8 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including electric companies.

² Docket UE-180809, Order 01, ¶4.

- 9 (2) PacifiCorp is an electric company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 10 (3) The Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding and over PacifiCorp.
- 11 (4) WAC 480-07-370(3) allows companies to file petitions including that for which PacifiCorp seeks approval.
- 12 (5) Staff has reviewed the Petition for Amended Order and recommends that the Commission grant the Company's request.
- 13 (6) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 7, 2023.
- 14 (7) After reviewing PacifiCorp's Petition for an Amended Order and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds that the Petition is consistent with the public interest and should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 15 (1) PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company's Petition for an Amended Accounting Order filed in Docket UE-180809 on July 14, 2023, is granted. The Commission amends Order 01 to authorize deferred accounting costs associated with its EVSE Pilot Program and Transportation Electrification Plans.
- 16 (2) This Order shall not affect the Commission's authority over rates, services, accounts, valuations, estimates, or determination of costs on any matters that may come before it. Nor shall this Order granting the Petition be construed as an agreement to any estimate or determination of costs, or any valuation of property claimed or asserted, or to the possible recovery of the amounts deferred to the regulatory asset.
- 17 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

18 The Commissioners, having determined that this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Executive Director and Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective December 7, 2023.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

KATHY HUNTER
Acting Executive Director and Secretary