

February 6, 2006

**NOTICE CONCERNING FORMAT FOR BRIEFS  
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NOTICE OF PROCEDURE FOR RESPONDING TO  
BENCH REQUEST RESPONSES**

RE: *WUTC v. PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company*,  
Docket No. UE-050684;

*In the Matter of the Petition of PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company for an  
Order Approving Deferral of Costs Related to Declining Hydro Generation*,  
Docket No. UE-050412;

TO ALL PARTIES:

**Format of Briefs:** Based upon discussion at the conclusion of hearings in this proceeding on Friday, February 3, 2006, parties must include a table of contents when filing both initial and responsive briefs. Parties must also provide the following information with their initial brief to present their final recommendations for revenue requirement and rate base adjustments:

**Table 1:**

**Row 1:** Begin with Per Books Net Operating Income (NOI) (PacifiCorp identifies this as Operating Revenue for Return).

**Rows below - A row of each adjustment to NOI:** List each adjustment, by the number PacifiCorp, Staff, ICNU or Public Counsel give the adjustment. Please include the effect of each adjustment on the Net Operating Income or Operating Revenue for Return in a separate column, making sure the NOI effect for each adjustment is reflected on the same row. Please show additional adjustments on separate rows.

**Last Row:** Sum the total of Row 1 (NOI) and the rows for the NOI adjustments.

**Table 2:**

**Row 1:** Identify the Per Books Rate Base.

**Rows Below - A row for each adjustment to Rate Base:** List each adjustment, by the number PacifiCorp, Staff, ICNU or Public Counsel give the adjustment. Please include the effect of each adjustment on Rate Base in a separate column, making sure each adjustment is reflected on the same row. Please show additional adjustments on separate rows.

**Last Row:** Sum the total of Row 1 (Rate Base) and the rows for Rate Base adjustments.

**Table 3:**

Provide the rate of return calculation showing the capital structure, cost of capital items, the weighted cost of each item, and the total weighted cost of capital.

**Table 4:**

Provide the conversion factor or revenue gross-up identifying each component, i.e., Revenue, Uncollectibles, UTC fee, Revenue taxes, State Income and Federal Income tax.

**Table 5:**

Provide the calculation of your recommended Increase or (Decrease) to Revenue Requirement with a detailed calculation. In this calculation, please provide your adjusted rate base, recommended rate of return, NOI requirement, the amount of adjustments to NOI and the recommended increase or decrease in NOI.

**Table 6:**

Provide the Revenue Requirement of this Increase (Decrease) in NOI requirement using the Table 4 conversion factor.

**NOTE:** The tables discussed above are not included in the total page limit for initial briefs discussed below.

**Page Length:** Staff's proposal for a 60 page limit for the original topics in the proceeding and a 15 page limit for issues relating the acquisition by Mid-American Energy Holding Company is denied. The page length for initial briefs in this proceeding is extended to 75 pages, without limiting specific pages of the brief to specific issues. Responsive briefs must conform to the 60 page limit in WAC 480-07-395(1)(b).

**Responses to Bench Requests:** The parties agreed at the conclusion of hearing to the following procedure for commenting on or objecting to responses to bench requests:

- For all bench request responses submitted by the close of business, Friday, February 3, 2006, parties must file responses or objections to the bench request response by Friday, February 10, 2006.
- For all bench request responses submitted after Friday, February 3, 2006, parties must file responses or objections to the bench request response within 5 calendar days.

The Commission encourages parties to work together to address disputes over facts presented in bench request responses to ensure consistency and accuracy in responses to bench request responses.

After the Commission receives all bench request responses and the opportunity for filing responses or objections has passed, the Commission will notify the parties whether the responses are admitted into the record as exhibits in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

ANN E. RENDAHL  
Administrative Law Judge

THEODORA M. MACE  
Administrative Law Judge