

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY,

Respondent.

DOCKETS UE-191024,
UE-190750, UE-190929,
UE-190981, UE-180778
(*Consolidated*)

DECLARATION OF JASON
BALL ON BEHALF OF
COMMISSION STAFF

1. I, Jason L. Ball, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, declare as follows:
2. I am over 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State of Washington, and competent to be a witness.
3. I am employed by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission as the Deputy Assistant Director for Energy Regulation. I have been employed in this position for seven years. As a deputy director, my responsibilities include responding to filings made by utilities, coordinating the policy positions of Staff, and investigating new and emerging regulatory trends.
4. I am the lead staff member assigned to Pacific Power & Light Company's 2019 general rate case filing, Docket UE-191024.
5. Pacific Power filed supplemental testimony on April 1, 2020. Pacific Power mailed the workpapers for that supplemental testimony to the Commission, which was closed to the public due to the Governor's stay at home order. Due to this closure, the workpapers were not accessible until April 8, 2020.
6. The Company worked with Staff to attempt to transmit the workpapers electronically, but this method was unsuccessful.
7. Delays in discovery responses due to personnel absences and difficulty in establishing communications have led to delays in Staff's analysis.
8. The cumulative impact of these delays has materially impaired Staff's preparation for settlement scheduled for April 30, 2020, as well as Staff's development of responsive testimony due June 2, 2020.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 21st day of April, 2020.

/s/ Jason L. Ball _____
JASON L. BALL