

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PACIFICORP, d/b/a PACIFIC POWER
& LIGHT COMPANY,

Respondent.

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

ORDER 05/03/08

GRANTING MOTION TO MODIFY
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

BACKGROUND

- 1 On December 13, 2019, PacifiCorp, d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company, (PacifiCorp or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective tariff, WN U-75 for Electric Service in Docket UE-191024. On January 9, 2020, the Commission entered Order 01 in Docket UE-191024, suspending operation of the tariff revisions and setting this matter for adjudication.
- 2 On September 13, 2018, PacifiCorp filed a petition for an accounting order in Docket UE-180778, requesting the Commission enter an order authorizing a change in depreciation rates applicable to the Company's depreciable electric plant. The Commission suspended that petition and set it for adjudication.
- 3 On September 6, 2019, PacifiCorp filed a petition for an order approving deferred accounting in Docket UE-190750 related to repowering the Leaning Juniper wind facility.
- 4 On November 8, 2019, PacifiCorp filed a petition for deferral of costs related to purchases of renewable energy credits in Docket UE-190929.

- 5 On November 22, 2019, PacifiCorp filed a petition for an order approving deferred accounting in Docket UE-190981 related to repowering the Marengo I, II, and Goodnoe Hills wind facilities.
- 6 On February 3, 2020, the Commission entered Order 03/01/06 in Dockets UE-191024, UE-190750, UE-190929, UE-190981, and UE-180778, consolidating the dockets in response to an unopposed motion by Commission staff (Staff) and establishing a procedural schedule.
- 7 On April 22, 2020, Staff filed a motion to modify the procedural schedule in these consolidated dockets due to disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff represented that no party will be prejudiced by its motion and that no party objected to the motion. Staff requests a June 12, 2020, deadline for filing the non-company parties' responsive testimony; a July 17, 2020, deadline for filing rebuttal and cross-answering testimony; and a June 24, 2020, date for the second settlement conference in these consolidated dockets. Additionally, Staff also requests that responses to all data requests submitted on or after June 12, 2020, be provided within five business days. No other modifications were proposed to the procedural schedule.

DISCUSSION

- 8 We grant Staff's motion to modify the procedural schedule. On February 19, 2020, the governor declared a state of emergency in Washington due to the outbreak of COVID-19. Subsequently, the governor required all Washingtonians to stay at home unless engaging in essential activities.¹ The parties have experienced disruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including delays in processing and receiving information. Accordingly, we find good cause to modify the procedural schedule as proposed in Staff's motion. While Staff's motion leaves all other procedural dates undisturbed, we find good cause to delay until June 22, 2020, the deadline for the Company to circulate the draft joint issues matrix. We preserve all other procedural dates and guidelines, including the evidentiary hearing date beginning on August 24, 2020, and the deadlines for briefs on September 25, 2020, and October 16, 2020. The procedural schedule is modified as requested and is attached to this Order as Appendix A.

¹ Governor's Proclamation 20-25, "Stay Home – Stay Healthy."

ORDER

- 9 (1) Commission staff's motion to modify the procedural schedule in Dockets UE-191024, UE-190750, UE-190929, UE-190981, UE-180778 (*Consolidated*) is GRANTED.
- 10 (2) The procedural schedule in Dockets UE-191024, UE-190750, UE-190929, UE-190981, UE-180778 (*Consolidated*) is modified as reflected in Appendix A to this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective April 24, 2020.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

/s/ *Andrew J. O'Connell*

ANDREW J. O'CONNELL

Administrative Law Judge

**APPENDIX A
 PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
 DOCKETS UE-191024, UE-190750, UE-190929,
 UE-190981, UE-180778 (Consolidated)
 modified 04/24/20**

EVENT	DATE
General Rate Case Filing	December 13, 2019
Prehearing Conference	January 31, 2020
Deadline for Petitions to Intervene	February 10, 2020
Deadline for Responses to Petitions to Intervene	February 14, 2020
Company Supplemental Direct Testimony re Jim Bridger and Colstrip Unit 4 Decommissioning Studies	April 1, 2020²
Initial Settlement Conference	April 20, 2020³
Staff, Public Counsel, and Intervenor Response Testimony and Exhibits ⁴	June <u>12</u>, 2020
Company Circulates Draft Joint Issues Matrix	June <u>22</u>, 2020
Second Settlement Conference	June <u>24</u>, 2020
Notice Issued for Public Comment Hearing	At least 30 days prior to Public Comment Hearing
Company Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits; Staff, Public Counsel, and Intervenor Cross-Answering Testimony and Exhibits ⁵	July <u>17</u>, 2020

² Response time to data requests relating to this testimony will be 5 business days.

³ Per WAC 480-07-700(5)(a), parties may reschedule a settlement conference included in the procedural schedule without seeking to modify the schedule if all parties agree, but the parties must provide notice to the presiding officer of the rescheduled date.

⁴ Response time to data requests relating to this testimony will be 5 business days.

⁵ Response time to data requests relating to this testimony will be 5 business days.

Public Comment Hearing(s)	TBD (Exact date and location to be determined by separate notice)
Discovery Cutoff – Last Day to Issue Data Requests ⁶	August 7, 2020
Company Files Joint Issues Matrix	August 10, 2020
Exhibits List, Cross-Examination Exhibits, Witnesses List, Time Estimates, Exhibits Errata	August 17, 2020
Evidentiary Hearing	August 24, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. and August 25, 2020, if necessary
Initial Briefs	September 25, 2020
Reply Briefs	October 16, 2020
Suspension Date ⁷	January 1, 2021

⁶ Response time to data requests will be 5 business days.

⁷ Based on a 10-month suspension from the stated effective date of March 1, 2020, on the as-filed tariff sheets, per RCW 80.04.130.