# In addition to the public hearing, you can also submit comments to the UTC by the following methods:

- Calling into a public comment hearing (see front cover for details)
- On the UTC website: http://www.utc.wa.gov/comment
- By email: comments@utc.wa.gov
- By phone: I-888-333-WUTC (9882)
- In writing: UTC
   P.O. Box 47250
   Olympia, WA 98504

Please include your name, the name of the company (PacifiCorp), a description of this filing and the docket number UE-191024, and a contact method if you would like to receive more information about this filing.

#### **Public Counsel**

Residential and small business utility customers are represented by the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General's Office. You may contact the Public Counsel in writing at:

Public Counsel
Assistant Attorney General
Email: utility@atg.wa.gov

In your comments, please reference Docket UE-191024.

For more information about Public Counsel, visit: www.atg.wa.gov/about-public-counsel

For more information or to contact PacifiCorp, please call us toll free at **I-888-22I-7070**.



# Notice of

# **Proposed rate change**

On December 13, 2019, PacifiCorp DBA Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp) filed a general rate case request with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC). PacifiCorp requests an electric rate increase of approximately \$29.8 million, or 8.5 percent increase overall. To offset the increase, PacifiCorp is proposing to pass deferred tax reform benefits back to customers on an expedited schedule, which would lower the net increase to approximately \$11 million or 3.2 percent overall. The size of the requested increase varies by customer class. The overall increase for residential customers is 6.1 percent.

The UTC will be reviewing our request. Based on the results of the investigation and stakeholder advocacy, the UTC will decide whether to approve the request. In addition, the UTC has the authority to increase or decrease the requested rate change. If approved, changes will go into effect on January 1, 2021. You can comment on this filing as described below.

## Public comment hearing

PacifiCorp customers can comment to the UTC in several ways, including calling into a public comment hearing. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no in-person meeting. You can participate in this meeting via telephone and Skype. Public participation is a critical part of the rate-setting process.

Date and Time: August 5, 2020, at 6 p.m.

Call-in Number: 360-407-3810

Conference ID: 2189684

For more information, including how to participate via Skype please visit: <a href="https://www.utc.wa.gov/191024">www.utc.wa.gov/191024</a>

If you would like to participate in the hearing, please contact the UTC Records Center at **360-664-1234** at least one day before the hearing. The Records Center will provide you with additional information and sign you into the meeting. However, you can still participate in the hearing if you do not call in advance.

The UTC is committed to providing reasonable accommodation to participants with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodation, please contact the UTC at 360-664-1243 or human resources@utc.wa.gov.

As stated in the filing, PacifiCorp seeks to recover the rising cost of serving customers due, in part, to PacifiCorp's transition to a cleaner energy future to comply with the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA). This request includes, but is not limited, to the following:

- \$44 million to accelerate depreciation of PacifiCorp's coal-fired resources in alignment with deadlines set forth in CETA to transition Washington customers off of coal
- \$20 million for decommissioning and remediation costs associated with coal-fired resources serving Washington customers
- \$1 million for new renewable generation resources as well as upgrades to update and maximize existing wind resources
- \$60 million in infrastructure improvements, including transmission and distribution investments necessary for safe and reliable service

#### Effect on Residential Customers

Based on the overall increase requested, the following chart shows the increases for a residential customer using electric service at 1,000 kwh, 1,200 kwh, and 1,500 kwh per month. A residential customer using 1,200 kwh would see an increase of \$11.26 per month.

		Current	Proposed
Basic charge per month		\$7.75	\$9.50
I,000 kwh	Average rate per kwh	8.45¢	9.61¢
	Total bill	\$84.48	\$96.11
1,200 kwh	Average rate per kwh	8.70¢	9.64¢
	Total bill	\$104.36	\$115.62
1,500 kwh	Average rate per kwh	8.94¢	9.66¢
	Total bill	\$134.17	\$144.89

## Summary of proposed rate increase

Overall increase in dollars \$11.0 million Overall increase in percent (for all customer classes) 3.2%

Type of Service	Percentage Increase	Current Rates	Proposed Rates		
Residential	6.1%	9.48 ¢ / kWh	10.32 ¢ / kWh		
Commercial and Industrial					
Small general service	-0.7%	9.26 ¢ / kWh	9.39 ¢ / kWh		
Medium general service	-0.7%	7.84 ¢ / kWh	7.96 ¢ / kWh		
Large general service	6.6%	6.49 ¢ /kWh	7.08 ¢ / kWh		
Public street lighting	-31.9%	14.23 ¢ / kWh	9.90 ¢ / kWh		

#### General rate case information

A general rate case is the regulatory proceeding that gives the UTC an opportunity to examine a utility's operations and costs to determine if the proposed rates are fair, just and reasonable. This process lets the UTC conduct a detailed review of a utility's revenues, profits, expenses and investments in plant and equipment, to establish an approved revenue requirement.

The UTC staff, PacifiCorp, Public Counsel Unit of the Attorney General's Office, and other parties will participate. New rates would go into effect at the completion of the UTC's investigation and adjudication, which may take up to 11 months.

