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Page 5 Page 7 1 Coalition. 1 [Matter commenced at 9:30 a.m.] 2 JUDGE PEARSON: Good morning. We're here for a 2 JUDGE PEARSON: Great. Thank you. Is there anyone 3 3 else who wishes to enter an appearance? That's all I have prehearing conference in Docket UE-230172 which is 4 captioned Washington Utilities and Transportation 4 on my list. Okay. Hearing nothing, let's turn to the 5 Commission versus PacifiCorp doing business as Pacific 5 petitions for intervention. 6 Power and Light Company. 6 Are there any petitions for intervention other 7 Today is Wednesday May 17th, 2023, and the time is 7 than the ones that have been filed in advance? I'm 8 8 assuming not. All right. Hearing nothing, let's proceed. approximately 9:30 a.m. My name is Rayne Pearson. I use 9 she/her pronouns. I'm an administrative law judge with 9 I have reviewed the petitions to intervene filed 10 10 by AWEC, The Energy Project, NWEC, Walmart, and Sierra the commission, and I will be presiding in this matter Club. I'm unaware of any written objections to these 11 along with the commissioners. 11 12 petitions. Are there any objections? 12 So let's start by taking appearances and 13 MR. KUMAR: The company has no objections, your Honor. 13 addressing the petitions for intervention as well as MR. CALLAGHAN: None from Staff, your Honor. 14 AWEC's motion to consolidate. So let's begin with 14 15 15 MS. GAFKEN: No objections from Public Counsel. PacifiCorp. 16 MR. KUMAR: Thank you, your Honor. On behalf of the 16 JUDGE PEARSON: Great. The petitions to intervene are 17 company, my name is Ajay Kumar, and along with me I have 17 granted. AWEC also filed a motion to consolidate its 18 petition for an order approving the deferral of increased 18 Carla Scarsella and the law firm of McDowell, Rackner, and 19 19 fly ash revenues with this proceeding. AWEC indicated Gibson with Jocelyn Pease, Adam Lowney, and Katherine that Public Counsel supports its motion and that the 20 McDowell. 2.0 21 JUDGE PEARSON: Great. Thank you. 21 Company, Staff, Walmart, The Energy Project, and Sierra 22 And for Staff? 22 Club do not oppose the motion. 23 So I would ask if anyone has a change in position 23 MR. CALLAGHAN: Good morning, your Honor. Nash 24 or whether NWEC opposes the motion? 24 Callaghan, Assistant Attorney General on behalf of 25 25 Commission Staff. MS. SLIGER: NWEC is not opposed, your Honor. Page 6 Page 8 1 JUDGE PEARSON: Thank you. 1 JUDGE PEARSON: Thank you. 2 2 And Public Counsel? MR. KUMAR: Your Honor, there's no change in position 3 MS. GAFKEN: Good morning. This is Lisa Gafken, 3 from PacifiCorp, but I would note that PacifiCorp does 4 Assistant Attorney General, appearing on behalf of Public 4 reserve the right to address the substantive issues of 5 Counsel. Also with me is my cocounsel Ann Paisner. 5 that petition in this proceeding. 6 JUDGE PEARSON: All right. Thank you. 6 JUDGE PEARSON: Oh, of course, yes. All right. 7 And AWEC or Alliance of Western Energy Consumers? 7 Hearing nothing else, that motion is granted, and Dockets 8 MS. MOSER: Thank you. Good morning, your Honor. 8 UE-230172 and UE-210852 are consolidated. 9 Sommer Moser on behalf of AWEC. 9 So I want to remind the parties, the Commission 10 JUDGE PEARSON: Good morning. Thank you. 10 requires electronic filings of documents for formal 11 All right. And The Energy Project? 11 filings, and the Commission's rules provide for electronic 12 MR. ZAKAI: Good morning, your Honor. Yochanan Zakai 12 service of documents. So the Commission will serve the 13 on behalf of The Energy Project. 13 parties electronically, and the parties will serve each 14 JUDGE PEARSON: Good morning. Thank you. 14 other electronically. 15 15 And for Walmart? If any party has not yet designated a lead 16 MS. CAVIGLIA: Good morning, your Honor. Justina 16 representative for service, please do so via email to me 17 Caviglia on behalf of Walmart. 17 as soon as possible. And for the record, my email address 18 JUDGE PEARSON: Good morning. Thank you. 18 is rayne.pearson@utc.wa.gov, and if anyone would like to 19 And Sierra Club? 19 add names and email address of other representatives or 20 MS. MONAHAN: Good morning, your Honor. Rose Monahan 20 support staff who should receive electronic courtesy 21 on behalf of Sierra Club. 21 copies of all documents filed in this proceeding, please 22 JUDGE PEARSON: Good morning. Thank you. 22 email that to me as well. 23 23 And for NWEC? And then because parties often request that any

data requests and responses are shared with every other

party, it would make it easier on the parties to include

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MS. SLIGER: Good morning, your Honor. This is Joni

Sliger with Sanger Law here today for the Northwest Energy

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this requirement in the prehearing conference order. Is there any objection to including that requirement?

MR. KUMAR: None from the company.

MS. GAFKEN: None from Public Counsel. We support it.

JUDGE PEARSON: Great. So that brings us to the procedural schedule, and I have the parties' proposals for the procedural schedule. Thank you so much for providing that in advance, and I just kind of want to go over what looks like maybe just one sticking point, from what I understand, which is the due date for Staff and Intervenor response testimony.

Staff and the Company have proposed September 14th, and Public Counsel has proposed September 20th. Having not heard from any of the other parties - it looked like they were all on the email - I didn't know if other parties wanted to weigh in or if the parties are interested in taking a recess to talk amongst themselves.

19 MS. GAFKEN: Your Honor, I can jump in really quickly. 20 The 14th is fine for Public Counsel.

21 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.

22 MS. GAFKEN: So it may not be a sticking point.

23 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.

24 MS. GAFKEN: Or it doesn't have to be a sticking

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here, I guess is my question. So I guess I'm looking to hear from the parties who did not respond to the emails.

MS. MOSER: Sommer Moser on behalf of AWEC. We are comfortable with the Staff proposed schedule.

JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Thank you. And for the company, I guess I interpreted your email to be comfortable with Staff's proposal and explaining why you asked for those other two dates, but is there anything else that the Company wants to address?

MR. KUMAR: No, your Honor. I think as long as you kind of understood our -- I don't think we specifically requested those dates be in the schedule for those final two days. I guess we just wanted to -- for the Commission to be mindful of the timing for that compliance filing in that schedule.

JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And we always are. So thank you.

MR. ZAKAI: Your Honor, this is Yochi Zakai for The Energy Project. As I indicated in the email, I would just request that we use the first date for the first settlement conference of August 9th because we're not available on the 10th. Thank you.

JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Yes, I was going to make note of that. It looks like it will be August 9th because that date does work for everyone else. So I will adopt that

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JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.

MR. CALLAGHAN: So and, your Honor, just so the record is clear, the -- what I sent you was just Staff's

4 proposal.

JUDGE PEARSON: Uh-huh.

MR. CALLAGHAN: I have not necessarily heard from all parties, and I do know that there is another slight disagreement between Staff and the Company regarding those

I don't think it's a big deal either way. Staff just felt like they were unnecessary, but, yeah, I mean, if no other party objects to the 14th being the response testimony date, then I haven't heard any objections from other parties. Although there has been a lot of emails going back and forth so.

JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Yeah, and I'll just let the parties know right now that I will not be including in the procedural schedule the order and compliance filing due dates as proposed, because the statute gives the Commission until the day prior to the effective date to issue an order, and the rule gives Staff five business days to review the Company's compliance filing and the Commission will not be waiving either provision.

So that settles that matter. Do the parties want to confer, or are we so close that we can finalize this Page 12

1 date as the first settlement conference date. 2

MS. SLIGER: Joni Sliger for NWEC. Staff's proposed schedule works for us as well.

JUDGE PEARSON: Okav.

MS. CAVIGLIA: This is Justina from Walmart. The dates are fine from Staff so we didn't respond.

JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. All right. Well, let me go ahead and read the dates into the record, and then we'll just make sure that I'll ask if anyone has any objections so that everyone doesn't have to affirmatively say that they agree with it.

We have the first non-company party settlement conference for July 21st; the first settlement conference for August 9th; the second non-company party settlement conference, August 16th; the second settlement conference, August 18th; Staff and Intervenor response testimony due September 14th.

The Company will circulate the joint issues matrix October 4th. Company rebuttal testimony and exhibits, Staff and Intervenor cross-answering testimony and exhibits due October 27th. The notice issued for public comment hearing and the public comment hearing are still to be the determined.

The discovery deadline last day to issue data requests, November 27th. The Company files a joint issues Page 13

matrix December 4th. Exhibit lists, cross-examination exhibits, witness list, time estimates, and exhibits errata due December 4th also.

The hearing on December 11th and continuing on December 12th as needed. Post-hearing briefs on January 12th. It looks like there's only going to be one round of briefs based on this schedule, and then the suspension date, of course, is March 19th.

So does anyone have any modifications to that? All right. Hearing nothing, it sounds like we have a schedule established. So I will reflect that in the prehearing conference order.

The public comment hearing, Commission rules require the prehearing conference to address the time and location and amount of customer notice the Company is required to give in advance of the public comment hearing. The Commission will schedule those hearings for the parties via Zoom on the dates -- or the date or dates selected.

And because the date is still TBD, we will note in the prehearing conference order that the public comment hearing will be held virtually via Zoom before any hearing on the final disposition of the case, that customers will receive at least 30 days' notice of those hearing dates, and that the notices will contain information required in

1 notification.

MR. KUMAR: And, your Honor, with regards to the hybrid hearing, I think I've -- I noted it in my email that we have some conflicts on the 12th for some of our witnesses.

JUDGE PEARSON: Yes.

MR. KUMAR: And so we're just requesting some flexibility about our appearance -- or our witnesses to appear virtually on the 11th.

JUDGE PEARSON: Absolutely. And we encourage witnesses to appear virtually, I mean, just to save travel expenses and things like that. We just want to be able to have whoever wants to to be in the room, you know, attorneys mostly, probably.

MR. KUMAR: Of course.

JUDGE PEARSON: Yes. And it sounds like the parties are fine with accommodating PacifiCorp's needs with having most of their witnesses go on that first day. All right.

Thank you very much. Is there anything else that we need to address today?

MR. CALLAGHAN: So your Honor, in my initial email I included a DR topics list. This is something that I had circulated. It did include a proposal to incorporate that list in some way into the prehearing conference order.

25 JUDGE PEARSON: Oh, okay.

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And then also Commission rules sets a deadline -or says that we can establish in the prehearing conference
order a deadline for filing errata sheets. Does anyone
have an objection to setting the deadline a week prior to
the evidentiary hearing? Okay. Hearing nothing, we'll
incorporate that date into the prehearing conference
order.

So before we adjourn today, I want to ask if there is anything else? I also just wanted to put out there for the parties that because this hearing is in December, most likely it will be hybrid at Commission headquarters, just to kind of put that out there now for planning purposes.

MR. KUMAR: Thank you.

MR. ZAKAI: It is not typical for us to include the non-company party settlement conferences in the procedural schedule, but I appreciate the parties' openness to doing that at TEP's request.

And although the dates work for everyone now, I just wanted to clarify it that was my assumption that the -- like the regular settlement conferences, if the participating parties agreed to move that date, that we could do so without the need to get Commission approval. Thank you.

JUDGE PEARSON: Absolutely. Yes, we just require

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MR. CALLAGHAN: This is just an administrative efficiency step in Staff's opinion. It makes it easier for each party that has members that are focused on a specific topic to easily be able to identify DRs from other parties that are on that same topic.

We're just asking that it be included so that parties who are asking the same questions but are listing slightly different topics are just listing it under a same label and including that in the emails back and forth.

JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.

MR. CALLAGHAN: I don't believe I heard objections, except that the Company didn't believe it was necessary to include in the order. We'd like it to be in the order just because it -- it's somewhere where everyone can find it and identify it.

JUDGE PEARSON: Sure.

MR. KUMAR: Your Honor, if I could speak on this issue. I don't think we're necessarily opposed to having the list in the order. I think our concerns are -- I mean, no problem as long as, you know, people identify the topic when they send us the requests. We have no problem with using that when we send out the responses. Not a huge issue on our part.

I think we did have some concerns about the list, and the fact that it seemed to include certain topics that

Page 17 Page 19 1 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Sounds good. All right. We 1 were not at issue in our proceeding. AMI, for example, we 2 don't have AMI meters. Virtual power plant, we don't have 2 will include those provisions in there, and did we get 3 3 everything else that Staff proposed? I think we did. It that in our -- we don't have anything about that in our 4 4 looks we did. 5 So there's a number of topics in there that we 5 MR. CALLAGHAN: Yes, your Honor. 6 felt were maybe outside the scope of the case, and so just 6 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Perfect. All right. Anything 7 because the topics are included in the prehearing 7 else? No? Okay. Hearing nothing. Thank you all so very 8 8 conference, we don't want to prejudge any issues of, you much for joining us this morning, and I will get the 9 know, the relevance or objections we may have to the 9 prehearing conference order out soon. Thank you. Have a 10 10 actual discovery requests themselves. great day. And we're adjourned. 11 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. 11 [Matter concluded at 9:48 a.m.] 12 MR. KUMAR: And we also -- we are -- we, you know, 12 13 13 this is, again, not necessarily our concern, but we may 14 have an issue about flexibility. It may be all the topics 14 15 15 that are identified in the case may not necessarily be in 16 that list. 16 17 JUDGE PEARSON: I see what you're saying. So this is 17 18 what I was thinking. I was thinking of including language 18 19 similar to what we did in the prehearing conference for 19 20 the last Cascade rate case - actually identical to that -20 21 which just says that "Requesting parties will; number one, 21 22 include a list in the email serving the data request that 22 23 identifies each data request by number and the subject or 23 24 issue of each data request being issued; and number two, 24 25 group the data requests by subject or issue in the cover 25 Page 18 Page 20 1 STATE OF WASHINGTON 1 letter serving the data request." 2 2) SS: CERTIFICATE And that was what I was going to leave it at that. COUNTY OF WHATCOM 3 MR. KUMAR: That is certainly acceptable to the) 3 I, DANIELLE SCHEMM, a Certified Court 4 Company. 4 Reporter within and for the State of Washington do hereby 5 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Does that work for Staff? 5 certify; 6 MR. CALLAGHAN: Yes, your Honor. Thank you. 6 That the testimony by parties appearing 7 JUDGE PEARSON: All right. And then I also see - and 7 in the foregoing transcript was duly taken by me to the 8 we didn't address; I apologize for this - Staff's request 8 best of my ability and thereafter reduced to typewriting 9 to shorten the data request response times after 9 under my direction and is contained in Pages 1 through 21; 10 cross-answering and rebuttal testimony is filed. 10 That I am neither counsel for, related Does anyone object to that proposal? So it would 11 11 to, nor employed by any of the parties to the action in 12 be shortening to seven business days after response 12 which this brief adjudicative procedure was taken; 13 testimony and five business days after cross-answering and 13 And further that I am not a relative or 14 rebuttal testimony. Okay. Hearing -- oh, sorry. 14 employee of any attorney or counsel employed by the 15 Go ahead. 15 parties thereto, nor financially or otherwise interested 16 MR. KUMAR: Sorry, your Honor. I hadn't seen that in 16 in the outcome of the action; 17 Staff's schedule 17 This transcript and invoice have been 18 JUDGE PEARSON: It's in the email beneath the 18 prepared and submitted for final production and delivery 19 schedule, which I also didn't see, and I apologize for 19 in accordance with all Washington State laws, rules and 2.0 20 regulations, including WAC-308-14-130, WAC-308-14-135, RCW 21 MR. KUMAR: No, and I apologize for missing that as 21 18-145, and applicable court rules regulating formatting 22 well. I guess if you could -- I think that's probably 22 and equal terms requirements; 23 acceptable. Those are business days, correct? 23 Alterations, changes, fees or charges 24 JUDGE PEARSON: Yes. 24 that violate of these provisions are not authorized by me,

and I have no interest in the outcome of said litigation;

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MR. KUMAR: Yeah, there's no issue from the Company.

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