

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UE-081475
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PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT)	DOCKET UE-070117
COMPANY,)	
)	ORDER 01
Petitioner,)	
)	
Seeking Exemption from the)	
Provisions of WAC 480-100-238(4))	ORDER GRANTING
Relating to the Timing of Integrated)	EXEMPTION FROM RULE;
Resource Plan Filings)	AMENDING ORDER 02
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On August 8, 2008, Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition requesting an exemption from WAC 480-100-238(4), and an amendment to the order setting the filing date for its future integrated resource plans from January 20 to March 31 of odd-numbered years.

- 2 WAC 480-100-238(4) requires electric companies to file an integrated resource plan within two years of its previous filing or as required by the Commission. PacifiCorp’s next integrated resource plan (IRP) is due on January 20, 2009, by order of the Commission dated February 28, 2007.¹

- 3 PacifiCorp stated the Company developed an IRP improvement strategy for the main purposes of aligning the IRP process more closely with the business planning process and to revise the modeling procedures to expand portfolio risk analysis.

- 4 The Company’s IRP improvement strategy consists of a coordinated work schedule centered on adoption of a standardized annual IRP modeling process that accounts for all regulatory IRP analysis and public participation requirements. The IRP process will include a new step to evaluate how the type, timing and quantity of resources in the preferred portfolio could vary based on alternative regulatory and market conditions. This step—to be used to develop a resource acquisition contingency plan—is estimated to

¹ Docket UE-070117, Order 02, Paragraph 13.

take an additional three to four weeks to complete after the preferred portfolio has been approved by the board of directors of MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company, the Company's parent.

- 5 Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommends granting PacifiCorp's request for an exemption from WAC 480-100-238(4) and an amendment to Order 02 in Docket UE-070117.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 6 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including electric companies.
RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and RCW 80.28.
- 7 (2) PacifiCorp is engaged in the business of providing electric services within the state of Washington and is a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 8 (3) PacifiCorp is subject to WAC 480-100-238, which requires electric companies to file integrated resource plans.
- 9 (4) Under WAC 480-100-008, the Commission may grant an exemption from the provisions of any rule in WAC 480-100, if consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes. *See also WAC 480-07-110.*
- 10 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 11, 2008.
- 11 (6) After reviewing PacifiCorp's petition filed in Docket UE-081475 on August 8, 2008, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption and amendment are reasonable and should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 12 (1) After the effective date of this Order, Pacific Power & Light Company's request for an exemption from WAC 480-100-238(4) is granted and Commission Order 02 in Docket UE-070117 is amended to allow the Company to file its integrated resource plan on March 31 of each odd numbered year, commencing with the 2008 Integrated Resource Plan being filed by March 31, 2009.
- 13 (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Pacific Power & Light Company to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Executive Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective December 11, 2008.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary