

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of

PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY,

Petition For a Rate Increase Based on a
Modified Commission Basis Report, Two-
Year Rate Plan, and Decoupling Mechanism

DOCKET UE-152253

DECLARATION OF JASON L. 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
(Commission) as a Regulatory Analyst in the Energy section. I have been employed
in this position at the Commission since June 2013. As a regulatory analyst, my
responsibilities include analyzing rate filings, preparing memoranda with detailed
recommendations for the Commission, and testifying in rate cases on various issues.
I have testified in several dockets including as the policy witness in the previous
Pacific Power & Light Company (PPL) general rate case, Docket UE-140762.

4 I oversaw the examination of the rate filing that PPL made with the Commission on
November 25, 2015. The filing includes a petition for an expedited rate filing (ERF)
and testimony and other exhibits supporting the ERF, a two-year rate plan, and a
decoupling proposal.

5 Commission Staff (Staff) reviewed the filing for compliance with the Commission's
rules for rate filings and specifically the content requirements for a traditional energy
general rate case, set forth in WAC 480-07-510.¹

¹ There are no rules in the Washington Administrative Code which outline the specific requirements of an ERF. Expedited Rate Filings were first proposed by Staff witness Ken Elgin in Dockets UE-111048 and

- 6 Staff found the filing to be in compliance with WAC 480-07-510. Most importantly, the filing includes the direct testimony and exhibits of several witnesses, supporting documentation, and work papers for key issues. In Staff's opinion, the case contains the information that Staff needs to analyze PPL's proposals and, following opportunity for discovery, ultimately provide a recommendation to the Commission.
- 7 DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective December 18, 2015.



JASON L. BALL

UG-111049 (Consolidated). PSE subsequently proposed a similar filing in Dockets UE-130137 and UG-130138 (consolidated). As a matter of course, Staff routinely reviews rate cases for small water and solid waste companies within a shorter frame than the time allotted for energy rate case reviews.