

**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-180778, UE-191024, UE-
190750, UE-190929, UE-190981

(Consolidated)

MOTION TO WITHDRAW FROM
CONSOLIDATED PROCEEDINGS BY
SIERRA CLUB

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-355(4), Sierra Club respectfully requests that ALJ O’Connell grant this Motion to Withdraw for the reasons set forth below.

On November 6, 2018, Sierra Club moved to intervene in UE-180778, specifically addressing PacifiCorp’s proposed depreciation schedules for the Colstrip and Jim Bridger coal plants. Sierra Club moved to intervene in order to advocate, on behalf of itself and its members, for a responsible transition away from fossil-fuel based generation technology and for a cleaner and more sustainable energy portfolio. The requested depreciation schedules in UE-180778 had the potential to impact Sierra Club members’ bills as well as the resource mix that the company uses to generate electricity. On February 22, 2019, the Commission granted PacifiCorp’s motion to suspend the procedural schedule in UE-180778 until the Company filed its general rate case or December 31, 2019, whichever occurred first.

Importantly, in May 2019, while UE-180778 remained pending, the Washington legislature passed legislation setting a 2025 deadline for utilities to end all reliance on coal resources. Under Senate Bill 5116, electric utilities must eliminate coal-fired resources from their allocation of electricity no later than December 31, 2025 and the Commission “must accelerate depreciation schedules for any coal-fired resource to a date no later than December 31, 2025.” Wash. Rev. Code § 19.405.030(1)(a), (2). This legislation effectively addressed Sierra Club’s concerns in UE-180778.

On February 3, 2020, the Commission consolidated UE-180778, along with a number of other stand-alone dockets, with PacifiCorp’s general rate case, UE-191024. Sierra Club reviewed PacifiCorp’s application in UE-191024 and assessed that it did not have an interest in that case. On July 17, 2020, parties to the consolidated proceedings filed a Settlement Stipulation with the Commission. While Sierra Club is not a party to the settlement agreement, the Sierra Club does not oppose the settlement.

The Commission may dismiss an intervenor from a proceeding when the intervenor does not have a substantial interest in the proceeding and the public interest will not be served by the intervenor’s continued participation. WAC 480-07-355(4). While Sierra Club had a substantial interest in the depreciation docket, UE-180778, the Washington legislature’s passage of Senate Bill 5116 resolved Sierra Club’s concerns pertaining to coal resources and PacifiCorp’s proposed depreciation schedules in Washington. Sierra Club had never asserted a substantial interest in PacifiCorp’s general rate case. Due to these circumstances, Sierra Club chose not to enter into the proposed settlement agreement and also does not oppose its terms. As Sierra Club is neither joining nor opposing the settlement agreement and has no issues it wishes to pursue as related to former docket UE-180778, continued participation in the consolidated proceedings will not serve

a public benefit. Accordingly, Sierra Club respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Motion to Withdraw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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