

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	DOCKET UE-090205
TRANSPORTATION	)	
COMMISSION,	)	ORDER 01
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Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
PACIFICORP D/B/A PACIFIC	)	
POWER & LIGHT COMPANY,	)	
	)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
Respondent.	)	SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISIONS
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1      On February 9, 2009, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-74, as listed in the appendix attached to this Order. The stated effective date is March 11, 2009. The purpose of the filing is to increase rates and charges for electric service provided to customers in the state of Washington. With this filing, the Company requests an electric rate increase of \$38.5 million, or 15.1 percent.
- 2      The Commission finds that the filing would increase charges and rates for service provided by PacifiCorp. Because these increases might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public and PacifiCorp has not demonstrated that the increases would result in rates that are fair, just and reasonable, the Commission suspends the tariff filing and will hold public hearings if necessary to determine whether the proposed increases are fair, just and reasonable.
- 3      This proceeding meets the criteria in WAC 480-07-400(2)(b), and discovery will be conducted pursuant to the Commission’s discovery rules in WAC 480-07-400 – 425.

### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies, including electric companies. *RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.28, RCW 80.08 and RCW 80.12.*
- 5 (2) PacifiCorp is an electric company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 6 (3) The tariff revisions PacifiCorp filed on February 9, 2009, would increase charges and rates for service the Company provides, and might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public.
- 7 (4) PacifiCorp has not yet demonstrated that the tariff revisions would result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
- 8 (5) In order to carry out the duties imposed upon the Commission by law, and as authorized in RCW 80.04.130, the Commission believes it is necessary to investigate PacifiCorp's books, accounts, practices and activities; to make a valuation or appraisal of PacifiCorp's property; and to investigate and appraise various phases of PacifiCorp's operations.
- 9 (6) PacifiCorp may be required to pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to such an investigation, consistent with RCW 80.20.
- 10 (7) As required by RCW 80.04.130 (4), PacifiCorp bears the burden of proof to show that the proposed increases are fair, just, and reasonable.
- 11 (8) The matter came before the commission at the open meeting of February 26, 2009.

**ORDER**

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 12 (1) The tariff revisions PacifiCorp, d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company filed on  
February 9, 2009, are suspended.
- 13 (2) Discovery in this proceeding will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's  
discovery rules in WAC 480-07-400 – 425.
- 14 (3) The Commission will hold hearings at such times and places as may be  
required.
- 15 (4) PacifiCorp must not change or alter the tariffs filed in this docket during the  
suspension period, unless authorized by the Commission.
- 16 (5) The Commission will institute an investigation of PacifiCorp's books,  
accounts, practices, activities, property and operations as described above.
- 17 (6) PacifiCorp shall pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to the  
Commission's investigation, consistent with RCW 80.20.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective February 26, 2009.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner

**Appendix**

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15 <sup>th</sup> Revised	Sheet No. 48T.1	Schedule 48T – Large General Service – Metered Time of Use 1,000 kW and Over
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6 <sup>th</sup> Revised	Sheet No. 91	Schedule 91 – Surcharge to Fund Low Income Bill Assistance Program
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised	Sheet No. 96.1	Schedule 96 – Deferral Amortization Surcharge