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RE: Advice 21-07—Schedule 91—Surcharge to Fund Low Income Bill Assistance Program

PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp) submits this proposed tariff applicable to PacifiCorp's electric service in the state of Washington in compliance with RCW 80.28.050, WAC Chapter 480-80 et. seq., and the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission's (Commission) Rules and Regulations. PacifiCorp respectfully requests an effective date of October 1, 2021.

Second Revision of Sheet No. 91.1 Schedule 91 Surcharge to Fund Low Income Bill Assistance Program

The purpose of this tariff revision is to increase the Schedule 91 monthly surcharge to reflect the increased funding requirements associated with the recently filed and approved modifications to the Low Income Bill Assistance (LIBA) program in docket UE-210533. Specifically, the proposed increase supports increased annual costs to: change the LIBA program from a per kWh credit for usage above 600 kWh to a net bill percentage discount; expand the low-income eligibility threshold to customers with household income up to the higher of 200 percent Federal Poverty Level (FPL) or 80 percent of Area Median Income (AMI); and eliminate the annual enrollment cap to allow LIBA benefits to be accessible to all eligible customers. The proposed increase is also designed to recover the program's under-collected balance of approximately \$2.9 million over two years. Schedule 91 has not been increased in several years in efforts to keep customer rates flat.

While it is difficult at this point to estimate the full funding impacts of the recent modifications to the LIBA program, as well as the impact of removing the enrollment cap, PacifiCorp intends to continue monitoring the balance on a regular basis to ensure that the funding level does not result in large variances from the increasing annual spend, and will adjust the Schedule 91 surcharge again if the need arises.

This price change will result in an overall average increase to Washington customers of approximately 0.9 percent. For the average residential customer using 1,200 kWh per month, the proposed change to Schedule 91 will result in a monthly bill increase of \$1.26.

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PacifiCorp will be providing notice of the proposed tariff change to customers in accordance with WAC 480-100-194.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosures

Attachments

Attachment A: Summary of Tariffs

Attachment B: Proposed Schedule 91

Attachment C: Low Income Bill Assistance - Estimated Total Annual Program Cost

Attachment D: Estimated Impact of Proposed Schedule 91 on Revenues from Electric Sales