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RE: Advice 21-09— Proposing Revisions to the Blue Sky Program Tariffs Schedule 70 (Renewable Energy Rider – Optional) and Schedule 73 (Renewable Energy Rider – Optional Bulk Purchase Option)

PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp or Company) submits the following proposed tariff sheets in compliance with RCW 80.28.050, WAC Chapter 480-80-121. The proposed tariff revisions would modify Schedule 70 and Schedule 73 to revise the definition of one block of renewable energy from 200 kilowatt-hours (kWh) to 100 kWh. PacifiCorp respectfully requests an effective date of January 1, 2022.

Second Revision of Sheet No. 70.1	Schedule 70	Renewable Energy Rider – Optional
Second Revision of Sheet No. 73.1	Schedule 73	Renewable Energy Rider – Optional Bulk Purchase Option

Background

PacifiCorp launched its Blue Sky program in 2000 to allow customers the option to purchase renewable energy credits (RECs) to offset some or all of their usage from renewable energy sources while also supporting renewable energy development. Funds collected through the Blue Sky Schedules are used to acquire RECs and cover program expenses. Any remaining funds are then used to help support new community-based renewable energy projects. Since its inception, Blue Sky customers across PacifiCorp’s service territories have purchased more than 10 billion kWh of renewable energy and supported more than 300 community-based renewable projects. In addition to the support from customers, the Blue Sky program has been recognized by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory on its Top 10 Utility Green Power Pricing Programs list for 19 years.

PacifiCorp currently has approximately 5,600 participating Blue Sky Block customers in Washington. Since 2020, Blue Sky customers have paid \$1.95 for each 200 kWh block.

Filing Overview

The price of RECs from 2012-2019 was stable. This helped inform the Company’s decision to file an advice filing on October 21, 2019, requesting approval to increase the size of each Blue

Sky block from 100 kWh to 200 kWh of renewable energy while maintaining the current price of \$1.95 per block.¹ This was an effort to meet growing customer demands in the renewable energy sector and to better align with market conditions for REC prices.² The Company's filing was allowed to become effective at the December 19, 2019 open meeting.

Since 2020, however, the price of RECs has increased to a point where it is unsustainable for the program to maintain the size of each block at 200 kWh. Accordingly, the Company requests to reduce the size of each block back to 100 kWh to reflect the market fluctuation.

It is respectfully requested that all formal correspondence and data requests regarding this filing be addressed to:

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Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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¹ Docket No. UE-190874.

² The proposed increase to standard block size did not alter individually negotiated contracts, including any contracts that were currently in place to facilitate direct purchase of RECs or any future individually negotiated agreements.