

Exh. RMM-1T
Docket UE-21____
Witness: Robert M. Meredith

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PACIFICORP dba
PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

Respondent.

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PACIFICORP

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF ROBERT M. MEREDITH

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1 **Q. Please state your name, business address and present position with PacifiCorp**
2 **dba Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp or Company).**

3 A. My name is Robert M. Meredith. My business address is 825 NE Multnomah Street,
4 Suite 2000, Portland, Oregon 97232. My present position is Director, Pricing and
5 Cost of Service. I am testifying for PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power & Light Company
6 (PacifiCorp or Company).

7 **QUALIFICATIONS**

8 **Q. Briefly describe your educational and professional background.**

9 A. I graduated from Oregon State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in
10 Business Administration and a minor in Economics. In addition to my formal
11 education, I have attended various industry-related seminars. I have worked for the
12 Company for 16 years in various roles of increasing responsibility in the Customer
13 Service, Regulation, and Integrated Resource Planning departments. I have over 11
14 years of experience preparing cost of service and pricing related analyses for all of the
15 six states that PacifiCorp serves. In March 2016, I became Manager, Pricing and Cost
16 of Service. In June 2019, I was promoted to my current position.

17 **Q. Have you testified in previous regulatory proceedings?**

18 A. Yes. I have previously filed testimony on behalf of the Company in regulatory
19 proceedings in Washington, Utah, Oregon, Wyoming, Idaho, and California.

20 **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

21 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

22 A. My testimony presents and supports the Company's proposed rate spread and rate
23 design for the 2021 Power Cost Only Rate Case (PCORC).

1 **Q. What is the overall price change that the Company proposes for the 2021**
2 **PCORC?**

3 A. As described in the testimony of Mr. Douglas R. Staples, the Company proposes an
4 increase to its revenue related to power costs of \$13.1 million.

5 **RATE SPREAD/RATE DESIGN**

6 **Q. How does the Company propose to allocate the PCORC price change to**
7 **customers?**

8 A. The Company proposes to allocate the PCORC price change to customers on the
9 basis of each class's energy consumption during the test period of 12 months ended
10 June 2019, which was used in the Company's last general rate case, Docket UE-
11 191024 (2021 Rate Case). In the 2021 Rate Case, power costs were allocated on
12 energy consistent with the state of Washington's cost of service rules.¹ Exhibit No.
13 RMM-2 shows the overall impact of the proposed change in revenue for each class.

14 **Q. How does the Company propose to incorporate the price change into rates?**

15 A. The Company proposes to increase all base energy charges from each rate schedule
16 by the overall average PCORC price change of 0.3232 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh).
17 For Company-owned lighting Schedules 15 and 51, the Company proposes to
18 increase each lamp's rate by a proportional share of the schedule's allocated amount
19 using assumed monthly kWh usage for each lamp type. Exhibit No. RMM-3 shows
20 proposed energy prices for each rate schedule and resultant revenues using the billing
21 determinants used in the 2021 Rate Case.

¹ See Table 2 of WAC 480-85-060.

1 **Bill Comparisons**

2 **Q. Please describe Exhibit No. RMM-4.**

3 A. Exhibit No. RMM-4 shows monthly billing comparisons for customers with different
4 consumption levels for each major rate schedule.

5 **Q. Please describe Exhibit No. RMM-5.**

6 A. Exhibit No. RMM-5 contains clean and legislative copies of tariff revisions. The
7 Company requests that the proposed rates become effective on January 1, 2022.

8 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

9 A. Yes.