BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PACIFICORP dba
PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

Respondent.

PACIFICORP
DIRECT TESTIMONY OF ROBERT M. MEREDITH

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

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

QUALIFICATIONS

Q. Briefly describe your educational and professional background.

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

Q. Have you testified in previous regulatory proceedings?

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

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

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

A. My testimony presents and supports the Company’s proposed rate spread and rate design for the 2021 Power Cost Only Rate Case (PCORC).
Q. What is the overall price change that the Company proposes for the 2021 PCORC?

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

RATE SPREAD/RATE DESIGN

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

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

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

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

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1 See Table 2 of WAC 480-85-060.
Bill Comparisons

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

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

Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?
A. Yes.