

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC POWER
& LIGHT COMPANY,

Respondent.

DOCKET UE-210402

ORDER 04

GRANTING MOTION TO ALLOW
SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY

BACKGROUND

- 1 On June 1, 2021, 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-76. PacifiCorp characterizes its filing as a Power Cost Only Rate Case (PCORC).
- 2 On June 25, 2021, the Commission entered Order 03, Prehearing Conference Order; Notice of Hearing. This Order set forth a procedural schedule for the case and noticed a hearing for December 3, 2021.
- 3 On September 3, 2021, PacifiCorp filed a Motion to Allow Supplemental Testimony (Motion). PacifiCorp submits that Commission staff, Alliance of Western Energy Consumers, Public Counsel, Wal-Mart, and the Energy Project (collectively the non-Company parties), requested supplemental testimony on certain topics related to Aurora and the Company's proposed Nodal Pricing Model. The Company submits that the supplemental testimony provides additional support and detail for its proposed baseline net power costs (NPC) and helps to establish a more robust record for the Commission. On the same day, the Company also filed Supplemental Testimony and Exhibits from its witness, Douglas R. Staples.

DISCUSSION

- 4 The Commission may allow a utility to file supplemental testimony in support of its direct case.¹ The Commission frequently allows for supplemental testimony in PCORC proceedings.² This allows the utility to provide the most current prices and supporting testimony for its proposed NPC.
- 5 We accordingly grant PacifiCorp’s Motion. The Company credibly represents that the supplemental testimony on certain technical aspects of the Aurora model and the proposed Nodal Pricing Model will provide a more robust record for the Commission. Moreover, the non-Company parties have requested this supplemental testimony. Accordingly, it is appropriate to dispose of this Motion without further delay.

ORDER

- 6 **THE COMMISSION ORDERS That PacifiCorp’s Motion to Allow Supplemental Testimony is GRANTED.**

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective September 10, 2021.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

/s/ Michael S. Howard
MICHAEL HOWARD
Administrative Law Judge

NOTICE TO PARTIES: This is an Interlocutory Order of the Commission. Administrative review may be available through a petition for review, filed within 10 days of the service of this Order pursuant to WAC 480-07-810.

¹ See WAC 480-07-510(1) (“The company’s initial filing and any supplemental filings the commission authorizes must include all testimony and exhibits the company intends to present as its direct case.”).

² See, e.g., *WUTC v. Puget Sound Energy*, Docket UE-200980, Order 05 ¶ 7 (June 1, 2021) (noting the utility’s filing of supplemental testimony providing updated power costs).