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Bench Request 3

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Please update Exh. MGW-3 and Exh. MGW-6 to PacifiCorp witness Wilding's testimony to reflect the terms of the Settlement.

Response to Bench Request 3

As part of the April 1, 2020 filing, Michael G. Wilding filed Supplemental Testimony and provided an update to Exhibit No. MGW-3 in Exhibit No. MGW-5 (Washington Allocated Net Power Costs).

Please refer to Attachment Bench Request 3, which provides versions of Exhibit No. MGW-5 and Exhibit No. MGW-6 updated to reflect the terms of the Settlement Stipulation dated July 17, 2020.

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Bench Request 4

PacifiCorp witness Wilding testified at hearing that the level of rate base included in the Settlement that will be subject to refund is the portion of the revenue requirement associated with the plant additions in Paragraph 14 of the Settlement. Please provide the amount of rate base and the associated revenue requirement from these plant additions that will be subject to refund.

Response to Bench Request 4

In reviewing the Commission's Bench Requests, PacifiCorp noted that Paragraph 14 of the stipulation misidentified Cedar Springs I and Cedar Springs III as plant additions. These projects are in fact power purchase agreements, and the Cedar Springs II wind project is the plant addition. The list below reflects an accurate list of the projects. PacifiCorp has conferred with the other parties to the stipulation and no party objects to this correction. The net rate base and revenue requirement for the plant additions from Paragraph 14 of the Settlement are provided as the following confidential attachments:

- Confidential Attachment Bench Request 4-1 – Ekola Wind Project
- Confidential Attachment Bench Request 4-2 – TB Flats Wind Project
- Confidential Attachment Bench Request 4-3 – Cedar Springs II Wind Project
- Confidential Attachment Bench Request 4-4 – Pryor Mountain Wind Project
- Confidential Attachment Bench Request 4-5 – Dunlap Wind Repowering Project
- Confidential Attachment Bench Request 4-6 – Foote Creek 1 Wind Repowering Project
- Confidential Attachment Bench Request 4-7 – Aeolus to Bridger / Anticline 500 kv Transmission Line Sequence 4
- Confidential Attachment Bench Request 4-8 – Associated 230 kv network upgrades

For the convenience of the Commission, a list of all PacifiCorp-owned generation resources included in the Washington Inter-Jurisdictional Allocation Methodology is included in Attachment Bench Request 4-9.

Designated information in the confidential attachments is Confidential per Protective Order in UTC Docket UE-191024.

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Bench Request 5

According to Exh. JT-2, the Settlement proposes to return through base rates protected EDIT in the amount of \$70.6 million pursuant to the Reverse South Georgia Method.

- (a) Please provide the number of years this amount will be amortizing through base rates.
- (b) Please identify the FERC account where this amount is booked.

Response to Bench Request 5

- (a) Please refer to Exhibit No. JT-2. Consistent with the Company's depreciation study, excess deferred income taxes (EDIT) has been categorized into 66 categories, each with its own remaining regulatory life over which the EDIT will amortize. The remaining regulatory lives range from 3 years to 53.2 years. As quantified in Attachment Bench Request 5, the weighted average remaining regulatory life is 29.3 years.
- (b) The regulatory liability for EDIT is recorded in FERC Account 254 and amortizes to FERC Account 411 (Deferred Income Tax Expense – Credit). A deferred tax asset on the regulatory liability is recorded in FERC Account 190 and amortizes to FERC Account 410 (Deferred Income Tax Expense – Debit).

		Account	Balance as of
FERC	SAP	Description	12/31/2020
254	288934	Reg. Liability - WA Protected EDIT	(93,560,553)
190	287113	ADIT - Reg. Liability - WA Protected EDIT	23,003,359
Total			(70,557,194)

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PacifiCorp witness Meredith, in Exh. RMM-1T at 63:3-20, presents the proposed tariff changes to Step 8 and Step 9 for calculating the Monthly Decoupling Deferral in the decoupling tariff (Schedule 93). Please explain whether Step 9 should, or should not, be modified to calculate the Actual Decoupled Revenue by subtracting monthly Fixed Basic Charge Revenue and monthly Net Power Cost Revenue from monthly Actual Revenue.

Response to Bench Request 6

The Company agrees to this modification. Upon closer reading of the proposed tariff language for Step 9 referenced in Exh. RMM-1T at 63:3-20, the Company notes that Fixed Basic Charge Revenue, Net Power Cost Revenue, and Actual Revenue were not specifically distinguished as being “monthly.” The Company agrees that the language for Step 9 should read as follows:

Step 9 – Determine Actual Decoupled Revenue – Subtract monthly Fixed Basic Charge Revenue and monthly Net Power Cost Revenue from monthly Actual Revenue.

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