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RE: *UTC v. PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company*
Docket UE-210829

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

Staff requests that the Commission set the PacifiCorp CEIP (UE-210829) for adjudication.¹ On March 13, 2023, the Company refiled the CEIP pursuant to the agreement reached in Docket UE-220376. Staff reviewed the draft of the refiling and believes that the refiled CEIP is compliant with the terms of that agreement. At the hearing on the motion to withdraw in that case, Staff emphasized the importance of ensuring that the CEIP docket is resolved in a timely manner. Staff requests the Commission set a prehearing conference in this case to ensure that there is no further delay in the resolution of the CEIP. Staff, the Company, and interested parties have devoted significant time and effort working together to come to an agreement in this case short of adjudication, but thus far have been unable to come to a resolution. Staff remains open to continued discussion and negotiations with all parties. However, Staff believes that setting this case for an adjudication is needed to avoid unnecessarily risking even further delay in the resolution of this docket.

¹ See Dockets UE-220066, UG-220067, & UE-210795, Order 10/01, p.9 ¶ 32 (Setting a CEIP based on a request for adjudication within a comment in a CEIP docket: “Because Front and Centered has requested an adjudication of the Company’s CEIP, the Commission is required by the plain language of the rule to initiate an adjudication.”). Staff also requested adjudication in the motion to consolidate this docket with Docket UE-220376, although that motion was denied. See Docket UE-210829 & UE-220376, *Commission Staff’s Motion to Consolidate Proceedings*, p.2, n.1 (filed June 28, 2022).

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