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RE: *Wash. Utils. & Transp. Comm'n v. PacifiCorp, d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Co.*,
Dockets UE-191024, UE-190750, UE-190929, UE-190981, & UE-180778
(*Consolidated*)

TO ALL PARTIES:

On December 14, 2020, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Final Order 09/07/12, Rejecting Tariff Sheets; Approving and Adopting Settlement Stipulation; Approving and Adopting Settlement Stipulation Subject to Conditions; and Authorizing and Requiring Compliance Filing (Order 09) in Dockets UE-191024, UE-190750, UE-190929, UE-190981, and UE-180778 (*Consolidated*).

Order 09, among other things, approved a settlement of the Parties with provisions to implement four pricing pilot programs: Time of Use Pilots for Residential Customers, irrigation Customers, and Non-Residential Customers, and a Customer Autopay and Fee-Free Payment Pilot. The Parties agreed to collaborate to determine what monitoring, reporting, and evaluation protocols are appropriate for all the pilot programs.¹ The Commission expected that the Parties would file their collaborative agreements no later than 90 days after the effective date of Order 09.² Additionally, the Commission required PacifiCorp, d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company, (PacifiCorp or Company) to include a report, along with its decoupling report, addressing the TOU pilot programs and quantifying the decoupling mechanism's impact on rates in the data received from the pilot programs.³

On March 26, 2021, PacifiCorp submitted revised tariff sheets to address the requirements outlined above from the Parties' settlement and the conditions of approval in Order 09.

¹ Order 09 at 48, ¶ 120.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.* at 48, ¶ 121.

Following five months of collaborative work with the Parties on the monitoring and reporting plans submitted by PacifiCorp, the Company states in its compliance filing:

The monitoring and reporting plans reflect the in-depth engagement and valuable input from the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General's Office and The Energy Project through a collaborative and inclusive process that was led by Commission Staff. The parties sought and received additional feedback from representatives of Front and Centered, and the Yakima Valley Chapter of the Asian Pacific Island Coalition, who represent low-income and vulnerable populations in the PacifiCorp service area. This feedback was valuable in ensuring that each monitoring and reporting plan included the consideration of equity issues and an evaluation of how these pilots will impact low income and customers from vulnerable populations. PacifiCorp appreciates the hard work that all stakeholders have put into ensuring that the pilot programs are not only successful, but also provide valuable information and data.⁴

On April 19, 2021, PacifiCorp filed updated tariff sheets to include small corrections and clarifications in tariff language, following conversation with Commission staff (Staff), which represents the culmination of the Parties' collaborative process as agreed in the Settlement and approved with condition by the Commission.

On April 22, 2021, Staff filed a letter in these consolidated dockets stating that Staff had reviewed the Company's compliance filing and believes it addresses the terms of the Settlement and the Commission's requirements. The plans have specific measures to evaluate impacts on low-income and vulnerable populations, and the time of use plans also include customer survey questions to help understand the impact on equity over the pilot program's lifespan. Staff agrees with the Company that addressing the pricing pilots' impact on decoupling in the annual decoupling filings will give the Commission more timely information on their interaction "as the first preliminary report on the pilots will not be received until May 2023."⁵

⁴ PacifiCorp's March 26, 2021, Compliance Letter at 2.

⁵ Staff's April 22, 2021, Letter at 2.

The Commission finds that the revised Tariff Sheets filed by PacifiCorp on March 26, 2021, as updated on April 19, 2021, comply with Order 09. Accordingly, the Commission approves the revised tariff sheets, which will become effective on May 1, 2021.

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Executive Director and Secretary