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WUTC v. PacifiCorp, d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company

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		3	The PCORC portion of this, as filed by the company,
	VIRTUAL PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING	4	requests increased revenue of \$13.1 million, or about
	November 18, 2021	5	3.73 percent. The Limited-Issues Rate Filing would reduce
		6	revenue by \$616,000 and pass back about 2.1 million. And
	WUTC v. PacifiCorp, d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company	7	there has been a multiparty settlement reached in both of
	Docket No. UE-210402 - Vol. II	8	these cases. And if that settlement is approved by the
_		9	commission, it would increase revenue to the company by
		10	11.7 million, and the Limited-Issue Rate Filing would
	Present:	11	increase the refund 2.8 million.
	David Danner, Chairman	12	So, tonight, this is an opportunity for you to provide
	Ann Rendahl, Commissioner	13	comments to the commissioners pertaining to the rate case.
	Jay Balasbas, Commissioner	14	The commissioners act as judges in these formal proceedings,
	Andrew Roberts, Commission staff	15	and so we cannot answer any questions from you. We will not
	Ann Paisner, AAG Public Counsel	16	take questions from you, but we will take comment from you.
	******	17	And, in fact, if you do have questions, you can email
		18	comments@utc.wa.gov or call (888) 333-9882 and ask to speak
		19	with Andrew Roberts, and he will direct your question in the
	Official Transcript of Interview	20	right to the right place.
	Court Certified Transcription	21	I'm going to turn it over now to Andrew. Andrew Roberts
		22	is with Public Involvement Office at the UTC, and he's a
		23	public involvement representative, and he will discuss some
Т	ranscribed by: Debra Riggs Torres, RPR	24	of the logistics for our hearing tonight. Andrew?
		25	MR. ROBERTS: Okay. Thank you, Chair Danner.
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1	-000-	1	Again, this is Andrew Roberts with commission staff. A
2	November 18, 2021	2	few points for this evening's hearing. We ask that
3		3	everybody please mute your connection, unless you're called
4	CHAIR DANNER: Today is Thursday, November 18, 2021. And	4	on to speak. If you called in through Teams, you can mute
5	this is a public hearing of the Utilities and Transportation	5	your connection by clicking on the microphone in the top
6	Commission. And we're here this evening to deal with two	6	right of the Teams window. You'll see a slash appear in the
7	consolidated cases, and those are PacifiCorp's Power Cost	7	microphone. That indicates that your connection is muted.
8	Only Rate Case, and that's Docket UE-210402 and its	8	When you're called on to speak, you can click that
9	Limited-Issue Rate Filing, which is Docket UE-210532.	9	microphone again to speak. And after you're done, please
10	My name is Dave Danner. I'm chair of the commission, and	10	remember to mute your connection again.
11	I'm joined by my colleagues, Commissioner Ann Rendahl and	11	If you called in on the phone, you can press star 6 to
12	Commissioner Jay Balasbas. And we are going to get ready to	12	mute yourself. And the same process applies. When you're
13	take public comment in this case.	13	called on to speak, press star 6 to unmute yourself. And
14	Let me make a few comments, just to begin, to give a	14	when you're done speaking, please press star 6 again.
15	little background on the case. As I mentioned, there are	15	Please wait to be called on for comment. Don't interrupt
16	two proceedings before us tonight. There's the Power Cost	16	other speakers. If you have technical difficulties, we have
17	Only Rate Case, and this is a proceeding that updates costs	17	two options. You can use the chat feature in Teams, or you
18	associated with electric generation and the acquisition of	18	can call me at (360) 664-1101. I'll give that number one
19	energy from the market. It's a single-issue rate case that	19	more time, (360) 664-1101. And the chat feature in Teams
20	adjusts utility rates by updating only the power costs while	20	should only be used to report technical difficulties.
21	the utility's other expenses and revenues remain at levels	21	With that, I will turn it back to Chair Danner.
22	set during the company's last general rate case.	22	CHAIR DANNER: All right. Thank you very much.
23	The second part of this evening is the Limited-Issue Rate	23	So let me I'm going to go first to the sign-in sheet.
24	Filing, and this is a narrowly focused rate case that	24	Sandy Lloyd signed in to comment tonight. Sandy Lloyd, are
	adjusts specific aspects of the utility rates while leaving	25	you on the line tonight.

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1	(No oral response)	1	January 1st, and so I don't know. It might be useful to
2	CHAIR DANNER: All right. I will come back to Sandy	2	have some discussion between the parties and the judge in
3	Lloyd. Ernesto Aguilar, I see that you are on the	3	that case about the date for comments.
4	participant list. Do you have comments that you wish to	4	CHAIR DANNER: Yeah. Ann Paisner, that is what I would
5	make tonight?	5	propose is that we'll have Judge Howard convene the parties
6	ERNESTO AGUILAR: No, sir.	6	and they can work that out. But I think that because we
7	CHAIR DANNER: All right. Well, let me turn back to Sandy	7	have an effective date for part of this, that we can't
8	Lloyd.	8	take we can't take comment and there's no point in
9	(No oral response)	9	taking comment after we've reached a decision in one of
10	CHAIR DANNER: Well, that is that is all I see, so let	10	them. So I would venture that we should set a date that's
11	me put out a notice. Is there anyone on the call who	11	sooner, but I will leave that to Judge Howard and to all of
12	has who would like anybody on the call tonight who	12	you.
13	would like to make comments before the commission?	13	MS. PAISNER: Thank you, Chair Danner. I will reach out
14	(No oral response)	14	to the parties as well and communicate about that with Judge
15	CHAIR DANNER: All right. I am not hearing any responses,	15	Howard as well. Thank you.
16	but Ann Paisner, I see you are on video. Do you wish to	16	CHAIR DANNER: All right. Thank you so much. I
17	comment tonight?	17	appreciate it.
18	MS. PAISNER: Yes. Thank you, Chair Danner.	18	Let me ask again, is there anyone on the call who wishes
19	I just wanted to introduce myself, and my name's Ann	19	to comment on the proceedings before us tonight?
20	Paisner. I'm an assistant attorney general in the Public	20	JESSE TORRES: I have a comment.
21	Counsel Unit of the Attorney General's Office in the state	21	CHAIR DANNER: Yes, sir. Go ahead.
22	of Washington. I just wanted to direct the public to our	22	JESSE TORRES: My name is Jesse Torres from Yakima,
23	website, and our email is utility@atg.wa.gov. If anyone	23	Washington.
24	wants to submit a written comment to us, we're going to be	24	CHAIR DANNER: Okay. Sir, before you go any further
25	submitting an exhibit that includes any written comments	25	JESSE TORRES: And I just wanted to make sure that we're
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2	very poor timing on the part of Pacific Power, because the	2	
3	people are just trying to hold on with what they got, and	3	STATE OF WASHINGTON)
4	this is just the beginning of a lot of things in regards to	4)
5	inflation. And I just hate to see these people suffer any	5	COUNTY OF KING)
6	more than they're suffering now because of increased energy	6	
7	rates. My comment.	7	I, the undersigned, do hereby certify under penalty
8	CHAIR DANNER: All right. Thank you very much. I	8	of perjury that the foregoing recorded statements, hearings
9	appreciate your calling in tonight and appreciate your	9	and/or interviews were transcribed under my direction as a
10	comments.	10	certified court reporter; and that the transcript is true and
11	Is there anyone else on the phone tonight who wishes to	11	accurate to the best of my knowledge and ability, that I am not a
12	comment on the proceedings before us?	12 13	relative or employee of any attorney or counsel employed by the
13	(No oral response)	14	parties hereto, nor financially interested in its outcome.
14	CHAIR DANNER: All right. I am not hearing anyone else	15	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
15	who wishes to comment, so thank you, Mr. Torres. I	16	7th day of December, 2021.
16	appreciate your being here.	17	randay of December, 2021.
17	JESSE TORRES: Yes.	18	
18	CHAIR DANNER: At this point, Andrew Roberts, maybe you	19	NOTCA
19	want to give some information about where we can where	20	Control of the Contro
20	folks can submit written comments to be part of this record.	21	Color Line 1
21	MR. ROBERTS: Sure.		s/ Debra Riggs Torres, RPR
22	CHAIR DANNER: Understanding that we have not yet set a	22	5. 2 5. 5. 5. 5. 5. 5. 5. 5. 5. 5. 5. 5. 5.
23	deadline, but certainly for the next for the foreseeable	23	
24	future we will be accepting comments.	24	
25	MR. ROBERTS: Sure. So we can accept comment online at	25	
1	Page 24 www.utc.wa.gov, for government. We can accept comment		
2	through email at comments@utc.wa.gov. Over the telephone at		
3	(888) 333-9882. And via traditional mail at P.O. Box 47250,		
4	Olympia, Washington, 98504.		
5	CHAIR DANNER: All right. Thank you very much.		
6	And, again, the hearings in this case and the		
7	Limited-Issue Rate Filing, the hearing will be on		
8	December 9th. And so that is certainly we will be taking		
9	comments on this proceeding at least until then. The		
10	hearing on the Power Cost Only Rate Case is January 14th,		
11	but we have not yet established a deadline for taking		
12	comments after December 9th. So I will leave it at that.		
13	Let me ask if there is anyone else on the line who wishes		
14	to comment on the proceedings before us?		
15	(No oral response)		
16	CHAIR DANNER: All right. I am not hearing anyone else.		
17	So unless there is anything else to come before the		
18	commission tonight, I'll turn to my colleagues or to public		
19	counsel?		
20	(No oral response)		
21	CHAIR DANNER: All right. In that case, I think we are		
22	done for this evening. So thank you, everyone, for		
23	participating, and we are adjourned.		
24	(Conclusion of proceedings)		
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