

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Docket No. UE-991832

PacifiCorp Response to Commission Bench Requests

Bench Request No 4

Please explain the interplay between the provisions of the Comprehensive Settlement that relate to deferral of the Commission's consideration of a Systems Benefit Charge (i.e., Section 7 of the Stipulation), and the part of the Rate Spread Stipulation (filed and approved June 6, 200) that provides:

An overall increase in annual electric revenues of 9% or more, *including any Systems Benefit Charge*, will be phased-in over two years (9% in Year 1, Residual in Year 2).

Section 2.d of the Rate Spread Stipulation (emphasis added).

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Customers would experience an overall increase in annual electric revenues of 9% or more, including any System Benefits Charge, *only* if the System Benefits Charge is set at a level that is 6% or more of revenues. The Parties do not expect that the System Benefits Charge will approach this level. For example, the Company's original filing requested a System Benefits Charge of approximate 1.5%. Therefore, the provision in the Rate Spread Stipulation limiting a first year increase to 9% will not be triggered.

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