

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Docket No. UE-991832

PacifiCorp Response to Commission Bench Requests

Bench Request No. 8

Please clarify with respect to Section 6 of the Comprehensive Stipulation whether only PacifiCorp is allowed to “take actions in response to such Joint Report” prior to the Company’s next general rate filing.

Response to Bench Request No. 8:

Yes, only PacifiCorp can take actions in response to such Joint Report. If the Joint Report includes findings by the Parties that are adverse to the Company’s demonstration of prudence, the Company may choose to take action to address or mitigate the identified issues prior to its next general rate case.

The process proposed in the stipulation is based on the Commission’s practice of evaluating the prudence of utility resource acquisitions only in general rate cases. Any impact on rates flowing from recommendations or findings in the Joint Report would therefore not occur until the Company’s next general rate filing. Any rate impact from this process that would become effective prior to the end of the Rate Plan Period would be contrary to the terms of the rate plan.

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