

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PACIFICORP, d/b/a
PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY,

Respondent.

Docket No. UE-230172

PacifiCorp’s Motion for Leave to File a
Response

In the Matter of

ALLIANCE OF WESTERN ENERGY
CONSUMERS,

Petition for Order Approving Deferral of
Increased Fly Ash Revenues.

Docket No. UE-210852
(Consolidated)

1 Pursuant to WAC 480-07-110, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp or the Company) submits this Motion for Leave to File a Response, with the proposed response included as Attachment 1.

I. BACKGROUND

2 On March 19, 2024, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued Order 08/06 (Order) in Dockets UE-230172 and UE-210852 (Consolidated) approving the Company’s two-year rate plan. The Order reflected an exit date of December 31, 2025, from the Company’s coal-fired generation units,¹ as required by the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA).²

¹ Order at ¶ 322.

² RCW 19.405.030(1)(a).

3 On March 27, 2024, the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (AWEC) filed a
Motion for Clarification (Motion) asking the Commission to direct PacifiCorp to file a
Power Cost Only Rate Case for rates effective January 1, 2026 that removes Jim Bridger
Units 3 and 4 and Colstrip Unit 4 from Washington rates.

II. ARGUMENT

4 While WAC 480-07-835(3) typically prohibits a party from responding to a
motion for clarification unless the Commission requests a response, the Commission has
previously granted leave to file a response pursuant to the Commission’s authority to
grant exemptions from Commission rules under WAC 480-07-110.³ The Commission has
granted leave to file a response to a motion for clarification when doing so would not
further delay consideration of the motion and when the moving party did not obtain other
parties’ position on clarification before filing the motion.⁴

5 Here, AWEC conferred with Staff, but did not confer with PacifiCorp before
filing its Motion. Because PacifiCorp quickly prepared a response to the Motion,
consideration of PacifiCorp’s response will not further delay the Commission’s review of
AWEC’s Motion.

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³ *Wash. Utils. & Transp. Comm’n v. PacifiCorp, d/b/a Pac. Power & Light Co.*, Docket UE-210402, Order 08 at ¶ 12 (Apr. 7, 2022).

⁴ *Id.*

6 Moreover, AWEC raises in the Motion an important issue regarding potential net power cost impacts resulting from the Company's compliance with CETA. Given the importance of the issues raised in the Motion, and their potential impact to the Company's customers, the Company asks that the Commission grant PacifiCorp an opportunity to respond.

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