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Docket: UE-120813
Company: Pacific Power and Light Company

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Recommendation

Issue an Order in Docket UE-120813 finding:

- (1) Under RCW 19.285.040(2)(a)(i) and WAC 480-109-020(1)(a), the 2012 renewable energy target for Pacific Power and Light Company is 119,857 megawatt-hours.
- (2) Pacific Power and Light Company has complied with the June 1, 2012, reporting requirements pursuant to WAC 480-109-040.
- (3) Pacific Power and Light Company has demonstrated that, by January 1, 2012, it acquired eligible renewable resources, renewable energy credits and contracts for renewable energy credits sufficient to meet its target of 119,857 megawatt-hours, as required by RCW 19.285.040(2)(a)(i) and WAC 480-109-020(1)(a).
- (4) Pacific Power and Light Company must file a second report no later than June 1, 2014, that provides the information necessary to determine whether it met the January 1, 2012, target, including the specific megawatt-hours and/or renewable energy credits used to meet the target.

Discussion

On June 1, 2012, Pacific Power and Light Company (PacifiCorp or company) initiated this docket UE-120813 by filing with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) a compliance report (RPS Report) under RCW 19.285.070 and WAC 480-109-040. Based on its average annual load for 2010 and 2011, PacifiCorp reported that its 2012 renewable energy target was 119,857 megawatt-hours. PacifiCorp reported that it had contracted for an estimated 119,857 megawatt-hours of renewable energy or equivalent renewable energy credits to meet its 2012 target.

The commission considered the matter at its August 9, 2012, open meeting. The commission agreed that (1) the 2012 renewable energy target for PacifiCorp is 119,857 megawatt-hours, (2) PacifiCorp has complied with the June 1, 2012, reporting requirements pursuant to WAC 480-109-040, (3) PacifiCorp has demonstrated that, by January 1, 2012, PacifiCorp acquired eligible renewable resources, renewable energy credits and contracts for renewable energy credits sufficient to meet its target of 119,857 megawatt-hours, and (4) PacifiCorp must file a second report no later than June 1, 2014, that provides the information necessary to determine whether PacifiCorp met the January 1, 2012, target, including the specific megawatt-hours and/or renewable energy credits used to meet the target. The commission instructed staff to work

with interested parties to draft the language for Order 01 in Docket UE-120813, to be formally considered by the commission at a future date.

Subsequent to the August 9, 2012, open meeting, staff drafted the order and provided opportunity for interested parties to comment. Staff received input from PacifiCorp, Renewable Northwest Project and the Northwest Energy Coalition and recommended language was incorporated into a proposed version of Order 01. The Renewable Northwest Project and Northwest Energy Coalition also submitted a letter to the commission on September 7, 2012, stating their support of the draft order and concern that the issue of reporting on progress made toward meeting the January 1 target for the next calendar year must still be addressed by staff.

Conclusion

Staff recommends that the commission issue an order in Docket UE-120813 as described in the recommendation section above.