

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF
RESPONSE TO DATA REQUEST

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REQUESTER: Pacific Power

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5. Please identify each instance where an electric service provider has sought Commission approval of a “banded rate tariff” in accordance with RCW 80.28.075 and WAC 480-80-112. Please provide the corresponding docket number, order number(s) as well as all exhibit numbers for testimony concerning the proposed banded rates.

Response:

Staff did not research the use of banded rates by electrical companies in Washington when preparing its testimony. Staff simply cited the statute and rule authorizing banded rates to note that Washington law anticipates the potential for competition in electricity services and to rebut Mr. Dalley’s contention that Pacific Power has no options to compete with entities like CREA.

With that said, Staff is aware of several dockets where banded rates were discussed. In UE-141505, PSE proposed a banded tariff rate for renewable energy credits, but later withdrew that proposal.² The Avista Corporation expressed interest in banded rates during an open meeting for use in its electric vehicle charging pilot program, although nothing has yet come of that interest.³ Several utilities noted the flexibility afforded by banded rate provisions in comments submitted in UE-160799, although, again, nothing has yet come of those statements.⁴

² See generally *Wash. Utils. & Transp. Comm’n v. Puget Sound Energy*, Docket No. 141505, Order 01, at ¶¶1-15 (Oct. 16, 2014); *Wash. Utils. & Transp. Comm’n v. Puget Sound Energy*, Docket No. 141505, Order 02, at ¶¶1-12 (Jan. 29, 2015).

³ *Wash. Utils. & Transp. Comm’n v. Avista Corp.*, Docket No. 160082, Order 01, at ¶ 21 n. 10 (April 28, 2016).

⁴ *Rulemaking to consider policy issues related to implementation of RCW 80.28.360, electric vehicle supply equipment*, Docket No. 160799, Comments of Avista Utilities on Draft Policy Interpretive Statement, at 4 (Mar. 29, 2017); *Rulemaking to consider policy issues related to implementation of RCW 80.28.360, electric vehicle supply equipment*, Docket No. 160799, Comments of Puget Sound Energy on electric vehicle supply equipment, at 3 (Nov. 23, 2016).