

Bench Request 2

On November 5, 2021, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power and Light Company (PacifiCorp or Company), Commission staff, The Energy Project, and Walmart (collectively, Settling Parties) filed a Settlement Stipulation (Settlement). The Settlement provides for an update to net power costs (NPC) at the compliance stage following the Commission's final order. Settlement ¶ 8. According to the Joint Testimony, this update will include wholesale electric sale and purchase contracts that are for long-term firm sales and purchases; short-term firm sales and purchases; and natural gas sales and purchase contracts. Joint Testimony, Exh. JTR-1CTr at 10:16-11:5.

1. Please identify any prior final orders where the Commission has allowed a utility to include new long term purchase power agreements (PPAs) in a compliance stage update. Please indicate if these agreements were identified in the record prior to the close of discovery in that proceeding.
2. Please identify any long-term PPAs that the Settling Parties reasonably anticipate will be included in the compliance stage NPC update in this proceeding. Please indicate if these agreements were identified in the record prior to the hearing in this proceeding.

Settling Parties Response to Bench Request 2

1. Staff's research did not produce a prior final order where the Commission has explicitly allowed a utility to include any new long-term purchase power agreements (PPA) in a Company's compliance stage update. As discussed in the settling parties' response to Bench Request 2.2 below, the update in the stipulation before the Commission would not include any new long-term PPAs that were not already included in PacifiCorp's initial filing. Staff takes note that the power cost update approved by the Commission through its adoption of the settlement agreement in Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) last Power Cost Only Rate Case (PCORC) in Docket UE-200980 similarly did not include any new long-term resources that were not already included in the initial filing.
2. A full list of the long-term PPAs that are allocated to Washington for this proceeding is located in the record, on page 1 of Exhibit MGW-2C under the "Long Term Firm Purchase" section of the "Purchase Power & Net Interchange" category of net power costs (NPC). Exhibit MGW-2C was filed to the docket in this proceeding within PacifiCorp's initial filing on June 1, 2021. PacifiCorp has determined that there are no new long-term PPAs that will be allocated to Washington in 2022 or in the proposed compliance stage NPC update for this proceeding that were not identified within Exhibit MGW-2C.