

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of	)	DOCKET NO. UE-031273
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PACIFICORP dba Pacific Power & Light Company, Inc.	)	ORDER NO. 01
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Petitioner,	)	
	)	
Seeking Exemption to the Provisions of WAC 480-100-208 Relating to Reporting Requirements of Electric Companies to File a Commission Basis Report .....	)	ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM RULE; GRANTING COMPANY ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE COMMISSION BASIS REPORT

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On July 30, 2003, PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power & Light Company (“PacifiCorp” or the Company) filed with the Commission a petition requesting an extension to file its Commission basis report for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2003, and due on July 31, 2003, as required by WAC 480-100-208. According to the Company, it is unable to prepare the report due to a heavy workload from rate cases in Utah, Oregon, and Wyoming. The Company seeks an extension until August 31, 2003.
  
- 2 Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommended granting PacifiCorp’s request for exemption and extension of the reporting deadline to August 31, 2003.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

- 3 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate

rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies, including electric companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 80.04 RCW and Chapter 80.28 RCW.*

- 4 (2) PacifiCorp is an electric company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 5 (3) PacifiCorp is subject to the provisions of RCW 80.04.080 and WAC 480-100-208, requiring electric companies to file a Commission basis report within four months of the end of a utility's fiscal year.
- 6 (4) WAC 480-100-008 provides that the Commission may grant an exemption from the provisions of any rule in Chapter 480-100 WAC, if consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation, and applicable statutes.
- 7 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 13, 2003.
- 8 (6) After review of the petition filed in Docket UE-031273 by Pacific on July 30, 2003, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is reasonable and should be granted.

## **ORDER**

### THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 9 (1) The exemption sought by PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power & Light Company for an extension until August, 31, 2003, to file its Fiscal year 2003 Commission basis report is granted.

- 10 (2) Failure by PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power & Light Company to file its Fiscal year 2003 Commission basis report by August 31, 2003, may result in the Commission invoking provisions of Chapter 80.04 RCW that provide for penalty assessments.
- 11 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power & Light Company to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary