

**In the Matter of: PacifiCorp (Revised Clean Energy
Implementation Plan)**

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11 ADRIAN ALMANZA

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2 January 24, 2023

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4 CHAIR DANNER: Good evening, everyone. Tonight we
5 are having a public comment hearing in Docket EU-210829.
6 This is a proceeding of the Washington Utilities and
7 Transportation Commission, and taking public comment on
8 PacifiCorp's Clean Energy Implementation Plan.

9 I'm Dave Danner, I'm Chair of the Commission, and I'm
10 joined by my colleagues this evening, Commissioner Milt
11 Doumit and Commissioner Ann Rendahl.

12 By way of background, in 2019, the legislature passed
13 the Clean Energy Implementation -- Clean Energy
14 Transformation Act that requires utilities to provide
15 electricity that's greenhouse gas neutral by 2030 and
16 greenhouse gas emissions free by 2045. Each utility under
17 CETA must file a clean energy implementation plan every
18 four years, showing how it's going to comply with the
19 requirements of the law.

20 PacifiCorp filed its first CEIP on December 30, 2021,
21 and this is the matter that is before us now. In that
22 plan, the Company set a target of using 55 percent
23 renewable energy by 2025. This is a litigated proceeding,
24 and after a number of other interested parties came
25 forward with their concerns on the CEIP, they worked with

1 the Company, and all the parties reached a settlement in
2 this case that adds conditions to the Company's plan and
3 specifically with regard to customer benefits, vulnerable
4 populations and their identification, transparency and
5 showing how the Company is calculating its progress, the
6 costs for CETA compliance, the establishment of renewable
7 energy targets, and the analysis of the Natrium Nuclear
8 Demonstration Project, which is a -- something in the
9 Company's resource portfolio; and then other matters
10 regarding rate recovery and future rate cases and other
11 specific actions.

12 The parties that agreed to this settlement are the
13 Company, Commission Staff, Northwest Energy Coalition, the
14 Sierra Club, the Energy Project, and the Public Counsel
15 Unit of the Attorney General's Office.

16 In addition, the Alliance of Western Energy
17 Consumers, while it did not join the settlement, does not
18 oppose the agreement.

19 So this evening we are taking public comment, so if
20 you wish to speak tonight, we will -- please -- we will
21 identify you. We'll find you and let you go forward. I
22 understand that Brent Elkins -- Brent Elkins has signed up
23 to testify. And, Brent Elkins, if you would like to go
24 first, please go -- go forward.

25 BRENT ELKINS: Sorry. I may have understood [sic]

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1 the process. I don't have anything in particular to say,
2 but I may react to something during the meeting.

3 CHAIR DANNER: Okay. Well, the meeting is going to
4 be members of the public sharing with -- sharing their
5 concerns with us.

6 BRENT ELKINS: Okay.

7 CHAIR DANNER: So if there's anything you want to
8 say, this is the time to do it. Otherwise --

9 BRENT ELKINS: Gotcha.

10 CHAIR DANNER: -- we'll move on.

11 BRENT ELKINS: Okay. Well, in that case, yeah, I am
12 very much looking forward to Pacific Power increasing
13 their renewable energy as part of their energy mix and
14 eagerly await your plans for doing so.

15 CHAIR DANNER: All right.

16 BRENT ELKINS: In my conversations with other people
17 in the state of Washington, they're always surprised to
18 learn that a resident of the state of Washington, when
19 they get their power delivered to them, isn't getting most
20 of it from renewables since the state of Washington
21 produces so much renewable energy. Yet, Pacific Power, I
22 know the majority of your current mix is fossil fuels, so
23 I'm looking forward to that changing in the future.

24 CHAIR DANNER: All right. Thank you very much for
25 your comments.

1 Andrew, is anyone else attending the meeting who
2 wishes to comment this evening?

3 MR. ROBERTS: I don't have anybody else on the
4 sign-in sheet, but if anyone would like to provide
5 comment, you can unmute yourself and provide your name
6 now. If you're on the phone, you can unmute by pressing
7 star 9 and let us know, and we'll be happy to take your
8 comment.

9 CHAIR DANNER: All right. Going once, going twice...

10 It appears we have no one else wishing to comment
11 this evening, in which case, Commissioners, let me ask --
12 we are still taking written comment, and I would propose
13 that we put a deadline of one week from today for that, if
14 that's okay with you.

15 COMMISSIONER DOUMIT: That's okay, Mr. Chairman.

16 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: That makes sense, I guess I
17 would ask Public Counsel if they have a different
18 perspective. They usually collect public comments from
19 the public.

20 CHAIR DANNER: Yeah, I was just going to do that. I
21 see that we have Ann Paisner on the line. Ann, is that --
22 is that satisfactory to you?

23 MS. PAISNER: Yes. And good evening, Chair Danner
24 and Commissioners Rendahl and Doumit. I wanted to ask
25 about this so I'm happy that you raised the issue, given

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1 that there's currently no evidentiary hearing in the
2 schedule anymore after the August 21st notice suspended
3 the schedule. So, whereas, typically we would ask at that
4 hearing date for a exhibit number for the public comment
5 exhibit, I am assuming we need to ask for it now. So I'm
6 making a request that you could give us an exhibit number
7 to submit that. And, also, if this is going to be held
8 open by one week, we would ask for some time after this
9 week to be able to put that exhibit together.

10 We also have staff in our office on leave from the
11 12th to the 16th, and so wondering if the 10th would be a
12 reasonable -- I'm not sure how difficult that would be for
13 the staff, because I know the staff also would have to
14 work to get comments together, so either the 10th or the
15 17th could be reasonable dates for us if that would work
16 for the Commission.

17 CHAIR DANNER: I was -- so I was looking at a
18 deadline for comments of October -- close of business
19 October 5th. And I believe that we have so far -- Andrew,
20 correct me if I'm wrong -- I think we had 18 written
21 comments submitted so far. We may have more at this
22 point.

23 MR. ROBERTS: There are a few more, but not many. It
24 shouldn't take us long to put the document together and
25 get it over to Public Counsel.

1 CHAIR DANNER: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: I guess I would say -- so,
3 given the staff is out of the office, so I wouldn't want
4 them to have to -- so I would say it's fine, Chair Danner,
5 to get something by the 20th to the Commission.

6 CHAIR DANNER: All right.

7 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: In my mind, I think that's
8 fine.

9 CHAIR DANNER: Mr. Doumit, does that date work for
10 you?

11 COMMISSIONER DOUMIT: Yes. In other words, the
12 public comment would be cut off by October 5th, but then
13 Public Counsel could return that exhibit by October 20th.
14 That's fine with me. Yes, thanks.

15 CHAIR DANNER: Yes. So the judge in the case, who is
16 not on the phone tonight, I don't believe, would have to
17 get an exhibit number to Public Counsel. And then we --
18 you know, we need time to go over the comments because
19 that's part of our review of the case. So I think that
20 that works.

21 So, Ann Paisner, that works for us, if that's okay
22 with you.

23 MS. PAISNER: That works for us. Thank you.

24 CHAIR DANNER: All right. Well, thank you. So let
25 me put out a last call. Is there anyone else on the call

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1 who wishes to comment this evening?

2 (No audible reply)

3 CHAIR DANNER: All right, then. Without further ado,
4 we are -- we are done for the evening. Again, written
5 comments -- Andrew, do you want to let people know how
6 they can submit written comments?

7 MR. ROBERTS: Sure, so written comments can be
8 submitted via email, comments@utc.wa.gov. We accept
9 comments over the phone at (888) 333-9882.

10 CHAIR DANNER: All right. Thank you very much.

11 All right. Thank you for everyone who got on the
12 call tonight. And thank you, Brent Elkins, for your
13 comments tonight.

14 Without further ado, I think we can adjourn the
15 meeting. So thank you all for attending and have a --
16 whoops, I'm -- there's a note from Adrian.

17 ADRIAN ALMANZA: Yeah. Hi, this is Adrian Almanza.
18 I just got on a few minutes -- or a couple minutes -- a
19 few minutes late.

20 CHAIR DANNER: You're just in time, so...

21 ADRIAN ALMANZA: Yeah. Well, I guess I was confused
22 because I thought there was going to be kind of an
23 introduction of things, and I'm sorry that I'm late.

24 CHAIR DANNER: Yeah. We have --

25 ADRIAN ALMANZA: (Inaudible). Go ahead, sorry.

1 CHAIR DANNER: No, that's fine. We just -- we just
2 went through that. We did our introductory matters. We
3 heard some testimony, and now is your chance if you would
4 like to do so. Could you give us the spelling of your
5 name?

6 ADRIAN ALMANZA: Yes, it's Adrian, A-D-R-I-A-N.

7 CHAIR DANNER: Mm-hmm.

8 ADRIAN ALMANZA: And it's -- do you need my last
9 name?

10 CHAIR DANNER: Yes, please.

11 ADRIAN ALMANZA: It's Almanza, A-L-M-A-N-Z-A.

12 CHAIR DANNER: Great. And if you'd like to begin,
13 we're ready for you.

14 ADRIAN ALMANZA: Well, I didn't have a comment. I
15 guess I thought that there was going to be a presentation
16 and then we could comment on that, so I guess I might have
17 misunderstood.

18 CHAIR DANNER: Yeah. There -- I gave some
19 introductory matters. There is -- the Public Counsel unit
20 of the Attorney General has prepared some materials, but
21 we did not do a thorough presentation of the -- of the
22 matter tonight. That is filed in the docket, which is
23 UE-210829. So, you know -- so at this point, if you --
24 you might do better to provide us with written comments if
25 you don't have comments to make this evening.

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1 ADRIAN ALMANZA: Yes, I'll have to do that. Sorry --
2 sorry about that.

3 CHAIR DANNER: No, that's all right. Thank you for
4 attending tonight. Are there others on the call tonight
5 who wish to comment?

6 Ann Paisner?

7 MS. PAISNER: Yes. I just wanted to provide the link
8 to our public website where you can access the info sheet
9 that we put together on this, so let me just get that
10 together. And I believe it's also accessible on the UTC's
11 website, but I don't have that -- I don't have that handy.
12 So if you could just wait one moment and I can read it out
13 loud, and also -- I know in the chat, that's not recorded,
14 but I could also put it there.

15 CHAIR DANNER: And, Andrew, do you -- can you tell us
16 where the Public Counsel fact sheet is posted?

17 MS. PAISNER: Oh, yeah.

18 MR. ROBERTS: Yeah. So on the Commission's website,
19 it will be: www.utc.wa.gov/210829. And Public Counsel
20 just put the address on their website where you can find
21 the fact sheet, as well, into the --

22 CHAIR DANNER: And, Ann Paisner, do you want to, for
23 the record, give us the URL for that?

24 MS. PAISNER: Yes, please. So it's
25 <https://www.atg.wa.gov/public-counsel-case-information->

1 sheets. And it should be right there. And, also, if you
2 want to submit a comment, I know that information is up
3 here, but if you have additional questions, we can take
4 those at our website, which is utility@atg.wa.gov, or by
5 snail mail at Attorney General's Office, Public Counsel
6 Unit, 800 5th Avenue, Suite 2000, Seattle, Washington
7 98104. Thank you.

8 CHAIR DANNER: All right. Thank you. All right.
9 And as we said, that we will be taking public comments at
10 the Commission till the close of business on October 5th,
11 which is one week from today.

12 All right. Thank you, Ann Paisner.

13 And, again, I think we have -- unless there's anyone
14 else on the call who wishes to make a comment, I think we
15 can adjourn.

16 So without further ado, thank you all for attending,
17 and we are adjourned. Good evening.

18 (Proceeding is adjourned.)
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