

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	DOCKET UE-061546
TRANSPORTATION	)	
COMMISSION,	)	
	)	ORDER 09
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
PACIFICORP D/B/A PACIFIC	)	
POWER & LIGHT COMPANY,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	
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	)	
In the Matter of the Petition of	)	DOCKET UE-060817
	)	
PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT	)	
COMPANY	)	ORDER 09
	)	
For an Accounting Order Approving	)	
Deferral of Certain Costs Related to	)	
the MidAmerican Energy Holdings	)	GRANTING PACIFICORP'S
Company Transition.	)	MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION
.....	)	

**MEMORANDUM**

- 1 The Commission entered Order 08, its Final Order in these consolidated proceedings, on June 21, 2007.
- 2 On June 26, 2007, PacifiCorp filed its Motion for Clarification of Order 08. PacifiCorp requests clarification with respect to the Commission's ruling on the Low-Income Bill Assistance, or LIBA, program. Paragraphs 201 and 224 of Order 08 adopt an increase in the level of the LIBA program "to produce a 40 cent per month

surcharge in Schedule 91."<sup>1</sup> This suggests that the Order adopts the level of funding corresponding to that provided by Avista Utilities (Avista); an alternative advocated by the Energy Project that PacifiCorp said on brief is acceptable to the Company.

3 The 40 cent per month figure, however, refers only to the level of surcharge for the residential class. Exhibit No. 47 shows the proposed surcharges for the various customer classes, assuming retention of the existing relationship of the present surcharge amounts across rate schedules.<sup>2</sup> The level of the surcharge for the other classes corresponding to the Avista level of funding ranges from \$0.05 to \$132.50.<sup>3</sup> Order 08, however, does not expressly identify the range of charges or the specific charges by customer class shown in Exhibit No. 47. PacifiCorp argues this could be interpreted to mean the Company should adopt a 40 cent per month surcharge for all classes, which would produce significant reductions in funding levels for most of the customer classes. PacifiCorp ask us to clarify that the intent of Order 08 is to adopt increased funding for LIBA across all rate classes as shown in Exhibit No. 47.

4 We agree that Order 08 should be clarified as PacifiCorp suggests. Accordingly, we clarify that the referenced surcharge of 40 cents per month discussed in paragraphs 201 and 224 of Order 08 applies only to residential customers. For other customer classes, the approved surcharges are those shown in Exhibit No. 47, column 3.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Order at ¶ 201. Paragraph 224 of the Order (Conclusion of Law (7)) provides that "PacifiCorp's compliance filing should include tariff sheets that increase the Schedule 91 surcharge to \$0.40 per customer, per month to increase funding of the Company's low income billing assistance program."

<sup>2</sup> Exhibit No. 45 at 2:19-21 (Griffith Rebuttal).

<sup>3</sup> Exhibit No. 47, column 3.

<sup>4</sup> As noted in Order 08, "[i]ncreasing the LIBA program level of funding in this fashion should allow more customers who otherwise would be unable to pay their bills to remain on the system." Order at ¶ 201. Page 2 of the Company's Schedule 17, Low Income Bill Assistance Program – Residential Service, currently provides that "[a] maximum of 2,618 customers may participate annually." PacifiCorp states that the Company's compliance filing in this proceeding will include a revision to page 2 of this Schedule to reflect an increase in the number of participating customers corresponding to the higher level of funding adopted in the Order.

**ORDER**

5 PacifiCorp's Motion to Clarify Order 08 is granted.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective June 26, 2007.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK H. SIDRAN, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner