

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	)	
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Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	DOCKET NO. UE-991832
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PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC POWER	)	
& LIGHT COMPANY,	)	
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Respondent.	)	
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In re the Petition of	)	DOCKET NO. UE-020417
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PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC POWER	)	
& LIGHT COMPANY	)	ORDER OF CONSOLIDATION
	)	AND NOTICE OF PREHEARING
For an Accounting Order Authorizing	)	CONFERENCE
Deferral of Excess Net Power Costs.	)	(August 6, 2002)
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- 1 On April 5, 2002, PacifiCorp filed with the Commission in Docket No. UE-020417 a petition “for an order authorizing deferral of excess net power costs incurred by the Company in serving its Washington customers.” PacifiCorp proposes to begin such deferrals as of June 1, 2002. The Company proposes to continue the deferrals until the earlier of “twelve months (through May 31, 2003),” or until “such time as the Commission approves a Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism, or PCAM, for the Company’s Washington customers, or some similar form of relief to address extraordinary power costs.”
- 2 PacifiCorp refers in its Petition to the fact that it is currently subject to a Rate Plan in Washington that limits the availability of general rate increases through 2005. The Commission approved the Rate Plan on August 9, 2000, in its Third Supplemental Order Approving and Adopting Settlement Agreements; Rejecting Tariff Sheets; Authorizing and Requiring Compliance Filing in Docket No. UE-991832.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Docket No. UE-991832, a general rate proceeding by which PacifiCorp sought increases to its electric rates to Washington customers, was initiated by the Company’s filing on November 24, 1999.

3 On May 13, 2002, Commission Staff, Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU), Public Counsel, Northwest Energy Coalition (NWEC), and the Energy Project filed with the Commission in Docket Nos. UE-991832 and UE-020417 their Joint Motion to Consolidate and Petition to Rehear or Reopen Docket No. UE-991832. PacifiCorp filed an answer to the motion on May 30, 2002.

4 The foregoing matters involve related principles of law. It is appropriate that they be consolidated for hearing and determination pursuant to WAC 480-09-610(2).

### ORDER OF CONSOLIDATION

5 THE COMMISSION ORDERS That these matters are consolidated for hearing and determination. The Commission reserves the right to hold such separate hearings and to enter separate orders in the individual dockets as it may deem appropriate.

### NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

6 Hearing in this matter is being held pursuant to Part IV of chapter 34.05 RCW pertaining to adjudicative proceedings, including but not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, RCW 34.05.452, and RCW 34.05.455. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Title 80 RCW, having legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of electric utilities. The statutes and rules involved, in addition to those previously cited, include those within chapters 80.04 and 80.28 RCW and chapters 480-09 and 480-100 WAC. The issues involved are generally stated above and more specifically contained in the petitions.

7 **NOTICE IS GIVEN that a prehearing conference in this matter will be held at 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, August 6, 2002, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Room 206, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

8 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider formulating the issues in the proceeding and to determine other matters to aid in its disposition, as specified in WAC 480-09-460.

9 Petitions to intervene should be made in writing prior to the hearing date or made orally at the hearing. The time and place for the evidentiary hearing will be set at the prehearing conference or by later written notice. Appearances will be taken.

10 If any party or witness needs an interpreter or other assistance, please fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission.

11 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT ANY PARTY WHO FAILS TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING SET BY THIS NOTICE, OR ANY OTHER STAGE OF THIS PROCEEDING, MAY BE HELD IN DEFAULT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RCW 34.05.440. THE PARTIES ARE FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE SANCTION PROVISIONS OF WAC 480-09-700(4) ARE SPECIFICALLY INVOKED.

12 The names and mailing addresses of all parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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- 13 Dennis J. Moss is designated as the Administrative Law Judge from the Utilities and Transportation Commission's Administrative Law Division, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington 98504-7250, pursuant to RCW 80.01.060, and will preside at the prehearing conference.
- 14 The Commission will provide at its offices in Olympia, Washington, current records of the hearing for the use of those who may wish to review them. The Public Counsel Section of the Office of Attorney General has been designated to represent the public. The Commission's address, shown below, may be used for inquiries to Public Counsel, or Public Counsel may be contacted directly by writing or calling the address or telephone number listed below.
- 15 Notice of any other procedural phase will be given in writing or on the record as the Commission may deem appropriate during the course of this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective this \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

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PLEASE BE ADVISED that the hearing facilities are accessible to interested people with disabilities; that smoking is prohibited; and that if limited English-speaking or hearing impaired parties or witnesses are involved in a hearing and need an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to the party or witness.

The information needed to provide an appropriate interpreter or other assistance should be designated below and returned to:

Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.  
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Olympia, WA 98504-7250.

**(SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)**

Docket No.: UE-020417

Case Name: In re the Petition of the PacifiCorp for an Accounting Order  
Authorizing Deferral of Excess Net Power Costs.

Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hearing Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Language: \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing Impaired (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need a certified sign language interpreter: (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No) \_\_\_\_\_

Visual \_\_\_\_\_ Tactile \_\_\_\_\_

Other type of assistance needed: \_\_\_\_\_

English-speaking person who can be contacted if there are questions:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone No.: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_