

Agenda Date: May 13, 2010
Item Number: A3

Docket: UE-100698
Company: PacifiCorp, d.b.a. Pacific Power

Staff: Michael Foisy, Regulatory Analyst

Recommendation

Take no action, thereby allowing the proposed rates filed by PacifiCorp in Docket UE-100698 to become effective May 27, 2010, by operation of law.

Background

On April 27, 2010, PacifiCorp, d.b.a. Pacific Power (PacifiCorp or company) filed revisions to Rule 4 – General Rules and Regulations Application for Electric Service, and Schedule 300 – Charges as Defined by the Rules and Regulations. The purpose of the Schedule 300 portion of the filing is to impose new fees for services described under Rule 4.

Discussion

The filing proposes to add language to Rule 4 to clarify the distinction between a connection of service for a new applicant and a reconnection of service for an existing customer, and impose new fees for after-hour connections listed in Schedule 300. These new fees to be charged for a new applicant are as follows:

Hours	Proposed Charge
Normal Business Hours	No charge
Weekdays 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.	\$75
Weekends and Holidays 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	\$175

In 2009, the company completed a total of 85 after-hour connections, 76 during weekday evenings and nine during weekends and holidays. The company collected \$4,425 as a result of these calls. The proposed fees in Schedule 300 would result in the company collecting an additional \$2,800 for performing the same work. The additional fees are the result of increased labor costs during evening, weekend, and holiday hours.

The company has not changed the reconnection fees it charges current customers in Schedule 300. They remain as follows:

Hours	Charge
Normal Business Hours	\$25
Weekdays 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.	\$50
Weekends and Holidays 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	\$75

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Staff is typically opposed to adding or changing miscellaneous charges outside of a rate case simply because the charges add addition revenue when the costs for the service are already embedded in rates. However, the minimal revenues anticipated to be generated by this tariff and the recent filing of a general rate case mitigate staff concerns.

Conclusion

Take no action, thereby allowing the proposed rates to become effective May 27, 2010, by operation of law.