

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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| WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND   | ) | DOCKET UE-111880        |
| TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, | ) |                         |
|                            | ) | ORDER 02                |
| Complainant,               | ) |                         |
|                            | ) | DIRECTING PACIFIC POWER |
| v.                         | ) | AND LIGHT COMPANY WITH  |
|                            | ) | INPUT FROM STAKEHOLDERS |
| PACIFIC POWER AND LIGHT    | ) | TO INVESTIGATE          |
| COMPANY,                   | ) | CONSERVATION PROGRAM    |
|                            | ) | DESIGN FOR LARGE        |
| Respondent.                | ) | INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS;   |
|                            | ) | REPORT ON PROGRESS; AND |
| .....                      | ) | IMPLEMENT CHANGES       |

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On April 26, 2012, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued Order 01 approving Pacific Power and Light Company’s (Pacific Power and Light Company, PacifiCorp, or Company) 2012-2021 achievable conservation potential and its 2012-2021 conservation target subject to conditions. On May 15, 2012, PacifiCorp filed revisions to its System Benefits Charge Adjustment, Schedule 191, in related Docket UE-120700 to establish conservation rates to support the Company’s increased costs, which are associated with ongoing and expanded conservation programs as acknowledged by the Commission in Docket UE-111880. On June 4, 2012, the Company filed a revised 2012 Demand-side Management business plan (Revised 2012 Plan).
- 2 Commission Staff conducted a review of the Company’s Revised 2012 Plan in this docket and recommended the Commission acknowledge the revisions on July 12, 2012, by placement on the Commission’s No Action Agenda, consistent with Order 01.<sup>1</sup>
- 3 The Schedule 191 revisions in Docket UE-120700 and the Revised 2012 Plan in this docket simultaneously came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open

<sup>1</sup> Order 01, Docket UE-111880, paragraph 27, ordering paragraph (6)(d).

meeting on July 12, 2012. During the open meeting discussion, Boise White Paper, LLC (Boise White Paper) raised concerns regarding the design of industrial conservation programs and requested that the Commission suspend and investigate the tariff filing.

## DISCUSSION

- 4 The Commission permitted the tariff revisions in Docket UE-120700 to take effect by operation of law and acknowledged the Company's Revised 2012 Plan. The Commission nevertheless agreed to address Boise White Paper's concerns by requiring an investigation by PacifiCorp, Boise White Paper, and other interested stakeholders of industrial conservation program design under the Company's Demand-side Management business plan and requiring PacifiCorp to file a report with the Commission within two months on the status of the investigation. PacifiCorp may report on the status of the investigation by filing a letter in this docket. The Commission further directed PacifiCorp to implement any resultant changes in conservation program design prior to November 1, 2012. Implementation of program changes must be consistent with Order 01, and may be accomplished by including the changes in either a Second Revised 2012 Plan filed prior to November 1, 2012, or within the November 1, 2012 filing of PacifiCorp's 2013 Demand-side Management business plan.<sup>2</sup>

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including electric companies. [RCW 80.01.040](#), [RCW 80.04](#), [RCW 80.08](#), [RCW 80.12](#), [RCW 80.16](#) and [RCW 80.28](#).
- 6 (2) PacifiCorp is engaged in the business of providing electric service within the state of Washington and is a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.

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<sup>2</sup> Order 01, Docket UE-111880, paragraph 29, ordering paragraph (8)(b).

- 7 (3) PacifiCorp is required by Order 01 in this docket to file, by November 1, 2012, any proposed revisions to the 2013 DSM Business Plan. The filing should contain any changes to program details and an annual budget.
- 8 (4) PacifiCorp is further required by Order 01, when PacifiCorp proposes a new program, to present it to the Advisory Group for comment with program details fully defined. After consultation with the Advisory Group, PacifiCorp must file a revision to its DSM Business Plan in this Docket. The revision may be acknowledged by placement on the Commission's No Action Open Meeting agenda.
- 9 (5) In conjunction with interested stakeholders, PacifiCorp should undertake an investigation of industrial conservation program design under the Company's Demand-side Management business plan, and report to the Commission on the status of that investigation within two months by filing a letter in this docket.
- 10 (6) PacifiCorp must implement any changes in conservation program design no later than November 1, 2012. Implementation may be accomplished by including the changes in either a Second Revised 2012 Plan filed prior to November 1, 2012, or within the November 1, 2012 filing of PacifiCorp's 2013 Demand-side Management business plan.

## **ORDER**

### **THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 11 (1) Pacific Power and Light Company, with input from interested stakeholders, will investigate the Company's conservation program design for large industrial customers, including Boise White Paper, LLC, and report back to the Commission by September 12, 2012, on progress made; and
- 12 (2) Pacific Power and Light Company will implement any changes to the Company's conservation program design for large industrial customers,

including Boise White Paper, LLC no later than November 1, 2012, as described above.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective July 19, 2012.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner