

In the Matter of the Petition of: PacifiCorp / 2022 Power Cost Adjustment

Docket No. UE-230482 - Vol. II

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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of:)
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PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC POWER &)
LIGHT COMPANY,)
) DOCKET NO. UE-230482
Petitioner,)
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2022 Power Cost Adjustment)
Mechanism Annual Report)
) PAGES 24-33
Respondent.)
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PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING - VOL. II
CHAIR DAVID DANNER PRESIDING
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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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A P P E A R A N C E S

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Commissioner Milt Doumit
Commissioner Ann Rendahl

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4 CHAIR DANNER: All right. Good evening,
5 everyone. Good evening, everyone. I think we're still
6 waiting on Commissioner Doumit. So we'll give him
7 another minute.

8 All right. I see Commissioner Doumit has
9 joined us. So let us call this meeting to order.

10 Good evening. This is a public comment
11 hearing of the Washington Utilities and Transportation
12 Commission in Docket UE-230482, which is a petition by
13 PacifiCorp doing business as Pacific Power & Light to
14 extend the amortization of its power cost adjustment
15 mechanism surcharge.

16 I'm Dave Danner. I'm chair of the
17 commission, joined by my colleagues Commissioner Ann
18 Rendahl and Commissioner Milt Doumit.

19 As I mentioned, this is a petition for
20 approval of the company's 2022 power cost adjustment
21 mechanism report, along with the accumulated customer
22 deferral balance of approximately 71.5 million.

23 And it requests to extend the amortization
24 period for the surcharges on Schedule 97, which is the
25 Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism, from 12 months to 24

1 months.

2 The company is requesting a revenue increase
3 of 37.2 million, or 9.5 percent, effective January 1,
4 2024.

5 Various parties, including The Alliance of
6 Western Energy Consumers and public counsel have raised
7 issues with the company's power purchase and hedging
8 strategies, and appear opposed to the petition.

9 And tonight, we want to hear comments from
10 members of the public regarding the public's
11 participation.

12 First I want to turn it over to my colleague,
13 Andrew Roberts, who will go over the ground rules for
14 this public comment hearing.

15 Andrew, are you there?

16 Andrew, we're not getting your audio.

17 ANDREW ROBERTS: Can you hear me now?

18 CHAIR DANNER: Yes, we can. Do you want to
19 start over?

20 ANDREW ROBERTS: Okay.

21 CHAIR DANNER: Thank you.

22 ANDREW ROBERTS: Good evening. My name is
23 Andrew Roberts. I am a public involvement representative
24 with the Washington Utilities and Transportation
25 Commission. I'll be the moderator for this comment

1 hearing.

2 Before we get started, I'd like to cover some
3 background rules and virtual meeting guidelines.

4 You'll have the opportunity to provide
5 comments related to this case directly to the
6 commissioners. The commissioners act as judges in formal
7 filings like this and cannot answer questions. However,
8 if you do have questions, please reach out to me or to
9 the public counsel unit of the Washington Attorney
10 General's Office after this comment hearing.

11 All the comments given today will be included
12 in the formal record for this case.

13 If you have not signed up to comment and wish
14 to do so, please put your first and last name into chat.
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16 hand, and we'll call on you for your name in a few
17 minutes. If you've already provided your name to us,
18 there's no need to provide it again.

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20 called on to speak. If you were participating via the
21 Zoom application, you can mute by clicking the microphone
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1 you are done speaking.

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4 you called in to speak -- or if you're called on to
5 speak, press Star 6 to unmute yourself. After you're
6 done speaking, please press Star 6 again to mute
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9 do not interrupt other speakers.

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11 difficulties. Use the chat feature on Zoom, or you can
12 call Ryan Smith at 360-664-1165. Once again, that's Ryan
13 Smith at 360-664-1165.

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15 technical difficulties and to be added to the sign-in
16 sheet. We will not be accepting comments via the Zoom
17 chat feature. Please do not use the chat feature to
18 provide your comment.

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20 toolbar at the bottom of your Zoom application.

21 If you have questions about the case, please
22 e-mail comments@utc.wa.gov, or call 888-333-9882 and ask
23 to speak with Andrew Roberts.

24 If you haven't provided your name yet and
25 wish to speak, please put your first and last name into

1 chat if you're using the zoom application.

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3 you hand, and we'll call on you to provide your name.
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5 and last name with spelling. After you've provided your
6 name, press Star 9 to lower your hand.

7 You can also reach out to the public counsel
8 unit of the Washington Attorney General's Office
9 regarding the regulation of public utilities or public
10 counsel's participation in filings like this one by
11 e-mailing utility@atg.wa.gov or calling 206-464-7744.

12 I'll now turn the time over to Chair Danner,
13 Commissioner Rendahl, and Commissioner Doumit.

14 CHAIR DANNER: All right. Thank you very
15 much.

16 ANDREW ROBERTS: Thank you.

17 CHAIR DANNER: So I don't see any names on --
18 Andrew, can you hear me?

19 All right. I don't see any names on the
20 sign-in sheet. Let me ask if there is anyone on the call
21 who wishes to make a public comment tonight.

22 All right. I am hearing none. And so we
23 will adjourn the hearing.

24 But before we do, let me ask perhaps, public
25 counsel, if you have a recommendation for -- we are still

1 taking written comments. Do you have a recommendation
2 for a cutoff for those written comments?

3 ATTORNEY ROBINSON O'NEILL: The hearing --
4 I'm just -- I don't have the schedule up right in front
5 of me. The hearing is in the first week of June, I
6 believe.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's on the 4th, Tad.

8 ATTORNEY ROBINSON O'NEILL: Yeah. The 4th of
9 June. So I would recommend having the comment period
10 close on the 7th, which is the June -- that Friday.

11 CHAIR DANNER: All right. So Friday, June 7.
12 Is there any other party who objects to that
13 date?

14 All right. Hearing none, Commissioners, do
15 you have any problem with that date?

16 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: None at all. Thank
17 you.

18 COMMISSIONER DOUMIT: No problem. Thank you.

19 THE ARBITRATOR: All right. Then we will
20 receive written comments until June 7, close of business
21 on that Friday.

22 Thank you very much. I think that takes us
23 to the end of our hearing today unless there's any other
24 business that anyone wants to raise before us that is
25 germane to this proceeding?

1 All right. Then hearing nothing, we are
2 adjourned. Thank you everybody, for your time.

3 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER DOUMIT: Thank you.

5 CHAIR DANNER: Have a good rest of your day.

6 (Conclusion of proceedings at 6:09 p.m.)

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