

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT
COMPANY,

Respondent.

DOCKET UE-161204

ORDER 08

GRANTING MOTION TO EXTEND
COMPLIANCE FILING DEADLINE

BACKGROUND

- 1 On November 14, 2016, Pacific Power & Light Company (Pacific Power or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its Tariff WN U-75, Rule 1 – General Rules and Regulations; Rule 4 – Application for Electric Service; Rule 6 – Facilities on Customer’s Premises; and Schedule 300 – Charges as Defined by the Rules and Regulations. Following an evidentiary hearing on June 13 and 14, 2017, the Commission entered its Final Order, Order 06, on October 12, 2017.
- 2 Order 06 required, among other things, that the Company work with Commission staff (Staff) and the intervenors to develop procedures for resolving disputes related to proposed Stranded Cost Recovery Fees, and to develop more detailed policies and procedures related to decommissioning Company facilities following permanent disconnection. Order 06 instructed Pacific Power to submit a compliance filing within 30 days, or by November 13, 2017.
- 3 On November 13, 2017, Pacific Power filed a Motion to Extend Compliance Deadline (Motion) to December 1, 2017. In its Motion, the Company explained that the parties have exchanged multiple drafts of the dispute resolution and decommissioning language, and that much progress has been made towards resolving the issues raised in Order 06.
- 4 Pacific Power represents that the parties agree that, in an effort to minimize compliance filing disputes, additional time would be beneficial to allow for continued discussions regarding the relevant language. Pacific Power notes that it is authorized to represent that Staff supports its Motion, and that no other party opposes it.

DISCUSSION

5 We grant Pacific Power’s Motion to extend the compliance filing deadline to December 1, 2017. Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-07-385 provides that the Commission may extend a deadline if the requesting party demonstrates 1) good cause and for the continuance and 2) the continuance will not prejudice any party or the Commission.¹ We agree with the Company that the substantial progress the parties have made thus far constitutes good cause to allow additional time to achieve full resolution of the issues identified in Order 06. We also find, based on absence of any objection to the Company’s Motion, that no party will be prejudiced. Finally, we find that granting an extension of time is consistent with the public interest and the Commission’s administrative needs.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 6 (1) Pacific Power & Light Company’s Motion for to Extend Compliance Deadline is GRANTED.
- 7 (2) Pacific Power & Light Company’s deadline to submit its compliance filing is extended to December 1, 2017.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective November 14, 2017.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

RAYNE PEARSON
Administrative Law Judge

¹ Although WAC 480-07-385 provides that parties should submit an agreed request for continuance in writing at least two business days prior to the deadline the parties request to continue, we nevertheless grant the Company’s Motion because Counsel for Pacific Power contacted Administrative Law Judge Rayne Pearson on Thursday, November 9, 2017, and notified her that the Motion was forthcoming. Moreover, it is in both the parties’ and the Commission’s interest that the parties resolve these issues by agreement as required by Order 06.