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Docket: UE-210829
Company: PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company

Staff: Jim Woodward, Regulatory Analyst

Recommendation

Issue an order denying PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company’s petition filed on November 1, 2021, requesting an exemption from WAC 480-100-605, and requiring the Company’s “alternative lowest reasonable cost and reasonably available portfolio” to include the social cost of greenhouse gases “in the resource acquisition decision.”

Discussion

On December 28, 2020, the Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) adopted new rules for both integrated resource plans and clean energy implementation plans. In General Order R-601, Dockets UE-191023 and UE-190698, in the discussion beginning at paragraph 129, the Commission finds that including the social costs of greenhouse gases in the baseline portfolio is required by statute. The baseline portfolio is the alternative lowest reasonable cost and reasonably available portfolio.¹

On November 1, 2021, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power and Light Company (PacifiCorp) filed the instant petition with its draft clean energy implementation plan. On November 9, the Commission issued a notice of opportunity to comment on the Petition by December 6, 2021.

Staff’s conclusion, based on the Commission’s interpretation of statute in the rulemaking order, is that the Commission should deny PacifiCorp’s petition.

Conclusion

Issue an order denying PacifiCorp’s petition filed on November 1, 2021, requesting an exemption from WAC 480-100-605, and requiring the Company’s “alternative lowest reasonable cost and reasonably available portfolio” to include the social cost of greenhouse gases “in the resource acquisition decision.”

¹ Dockets UE-191023 & UE-109698 (*Consolidated*), General Order 601, pp. 40, ¶ 108 (CETA Rulemaking Order) (Dec. 28, 2020).