

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UE-070117
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PACIFICORP POWER AND LIGHT)	ORDER 01
COMPANY,)	
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Petitioner,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING
Seeking Temporary Exemption from)	TEMPORARY
the Provisions of WAC 480-100-)	EXEMPTION FROM WAC 480-
238(4) Relating to Least Cost Planning)	100-238(4)
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On January 11, 2007, Pacific Power & Light Company (“PacifiCorp” or “the Company”) filed a petition requesting temporary exemption from WAC 480-100-238(4).
- 2 WAC 480-100-238 requires electric companies to file an Integrated Resource Plan every two years.
- 3 PacifiCorp requests an extension of time from January 20, 2007 to February 19, 2007, to file an Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) for 2006. The Company requests a temporary extension of the requirement to file an IRP and an exemption from the rule because of the need to incorporate (i) significant feedback from stakeholders, (ii) information related to pending Requests for Proposals (RFP), and (iii) compliance with new guidelines from the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC) regarding the IRP. The temporary extension will also allow for greater public involvement and should result in a more robust IRP.
- 4 Commission Staff reviewed the Company’ request and recommended granting PacifiCorp’s request for temporary exemption from the rule, subject to the following condition(s):
 - The Company’s draft 2006 IRP will be filed by February 19, 2007;
 - The Company’s final 2006 IRP will be filed by March 30, 2007;
 - The requested temporary exemption is applicable only to the 2006 IRP;
 - All interested stakeholders and participants will be notified of the change in the filing date of the IRP.

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 rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies, including gas companies. RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.28, RCW 80.08 and RCW 80.12.
- 6 (2) PacifiCorp is engaged in the business of providing electric services within the state of Washington and is a public service Company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under the provisions of RCW 80.28.
- 7 (3) PacifiCorp is subject to the provisions of WAC 480-100-238, requiring electric companies to file an Integrated Resource Plan every two years.
- 8 (4) WAC 480-100-008 provides that the Commission may grant an exemption from the provisions of any rule in WAC 480-100, if consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes.
- 9 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 24, 2007.
- 10 (6) After review of the petition filed in Docket UE-070117 by PacifiCorp on January 11, 2007, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is reasonable and should be granted.

ORDER

- 11 (1) After the effective date of this Order, Pacific Power & Light Company is granted a temporary exemption from WAC 480-100-238(4), until February 19, 2007.
- 12 (2) This temporary exemption is subject to the following conditions:
- The Company's draft 2006 IRP will be filed by February 19, 2007;
 - The Company's final 2006 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) will be filed by March 30, 2007;

- The requested temporary exemption is applicable only to the 2006 IRP;
- All interested stakeholders and participants will be notified of the change in the filing date of the IRP.

13 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Pacific Power & Light Company to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective January 24, 2007.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK H. SIDRAN, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILLIP B. JONES, Commissioner