

May 15, 2012

#### VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Attention:

David W. Danner

**Executive Director and Secretary** 

RE:

Schedule 191 – System Benefits Charge Adjustment

**Advice 12-02** 

Dear Mr. Danner:

Pursuant to RCW 80.28.050, RCW 80.28.060, and WAC 480-100-194, PacifiCorp, d.b.a. Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp or Company), submits for filing in electronic format a proposed tariff sheet revision to Schedule 191-System Benefits Charge Adjustment (SBC). The Company submits this filing in an effort to align its SBC balancing account revenues and expenses and respectfully requests an effective date of July 1, 2012.

First Revision of Sheet No. 191.1

Schedule 191

System Benefits Charge Adjustment

The Company is proposing to increase the SBC collection rate, which is administered through Schedule 191, in order to align the Company's recovery of its costs associated with acquiring and administering cost effective conservation in its Washington service territory and to comply with the requirements of Initiative Measure No. 937 (I-937), which is codified as RCW 19.285.040 and implemented through WAC 480-109.

The current SBC collection rate is approximately \$8.8 million on an annual basis and was approved in Docket UE-091516 with an effective date of October 30, 2009. As of April 30, 2012, the SBC collection rate represents approximately 2.8 percent of Washington electric revenues. The Company proposes an increase of approximately \$2.6 million to \$11.4 million on an annual basis, or approximately 3.6 percent of Washington electric revenues.

These changes will result in an overall average increase to Washington customers of approximately 0.8 percent effective July 1, 2012. For the average residential customer using 1,300 kWh per month, the updates to Schedule 191 will result in a monthly bill increase of approximately 0.9 percent, or \$0.94. Table A attached to this filing, displays the changes by rate schedule for the updates to Schedule 191.

As of April 30, 2012, the SBC deferred account balance was under-collected by approximately \$1.3 million on an accrual basis. Based on the biennium energy acquisition targets filed with the

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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission on January 31, 2012, adopted by Commission Order on April 26, 2012, expenditures associated with the acquisition of conservation savings and the production and distribution energy efficiency potential assessments are expected to exceed the revenue currently collected through Schedule 191. The proposed SBC represents approximately 3.6 percent of PacifiCorp's Washington electric revenues. As demonstrated in Attachment B the Company anticipates this proposed collection rate will more closely balance the SBC account by the end of December 2013.

As the ongoing expenses of the Demand-side Management (DSM) programs exceed the revenue currently collected through the SBC, the Company believes the requested increase is appropriate. Any delays in implementing the new collection rate will further contribute to the accrual of an under-collected balance in the SBC deferred account.

On April 16, 2012, a draft filing of this advice letter was provided by the Company to the DSM Advisory Group and a conference call was held with the DSM Advisory Group on April 27, 2012, to address comments and questions. Comments and edits to this letter from the DSM Advisory Group have been incorporated into this filing. These efforts were made pursuant to Condition 3a(iv) and Condition 3d in Docket UE-100170, Order 02.

It is respectfully requested that all formal correspondence and Staff requests regarding this filing be addressed to:

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Informal questions regarding this filing should be directed to Carla Bird at (503) 813-5269.

Sincerely,

William R. Griffith
William R. Griffith

Vice President, Regulation

Enclosures

# ATTACHMENT A

### NOTICE PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

Pursuant to Washington Law (including without limitation RCW 80.28.050 and -060) and the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission's (the "Commission") Rules & Regulations, Pacific Power & Light Company has filed with the Commission the original tariff schedules for electric service in the State of Washington.

#### Overview

The Company's current System Benefits Charge, Schedule 191 has been in effect since October 30, 2009. Since that time, the Company's programs that relate to Demand-Side Management have changed as have the Company's costs related to expenditures associated with the acquisition of conservation savings. This filing updates the Company's estimated conservation savings costs.

The Commission will examine the Company's proposed tariff sheet. As a result of such examination, the Commission may determine that any or all of said schedules should be accepted as filed, modified or rejected.

DATED: May 15, 2012

PACIFIC POWER

William R. Griffith By M. William R. Griffith

Vice President, Regulation

## ATTACHMENT B

### **Attachment B**

The proposed tariff sheet to be revised in Pacific Power & Light Company's currently effective Tariff WN U-75 is designated as follows:

### Schedule

First Revision Sheet No. 191.1

Schedule 191

System Benefits Charge Adjustment

# ATTACHMENT C

# TABLE A

### TABLE A. PRESENT AND PROPOSED RATES PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

#### ESTIMATED EFFECT OF PROPOSED SYSTEM BENEFITS CHARGE CHANGE

### ON REVENUES FROM ELECTRIC SALES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS

#### IN WASHINGTON

#### 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 2011

					Present			Proposed				
		Curr.			Base	SBC	Net	Base	SBC	Net	Net Cl	hange
Line		Sch.	Avg.		Revenues	Revenues	Revenues	Revenues	Revenues	Revenues	-	
No.	Description	No.	Cust.	MWH	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	%
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
											(9)-(6)	(11)/(7)
	Residential											
1	Residential Service	16/18	104,004	1,612,212	\$135,313	\$3,950	\$139,263	\$135,313	\$5,115	\$140,428	\$1,165	0.8%
	Unbilled											
2	Total Residential		104,004	1,612,212	\$135,313	\$3,950	\$139,263	\$135,313	\$5,115	\$140,428	\$1,165	0.8%
2	Commercial & Industrial	24	10 525	540 201	£45.272	Ø1 224	\$4C EQE	\$45.070	¢1 711	\$46,983	\$388	0.8%
3	Small General Service	24 33	18,525 0	540,281 0	\$45,272 \$0	\$1,324 \$0	\$46,595 \$0	\$45,272 \$0	\$1,711 \$0	\$46,983 \$0	\$388 \$0	0.8%
4	Partial Requirements Service	33 36	· ·	_		•	·	,			\$0 \$555	0.0%
5	Large General Service <1,000 kW		1,055	871,133	\$61,693 \$11,869	\$1,777 \$345	\$63,470	\$61,693 \$11,869	\$2,332 \$449	\$64,025 \$12,318	\$333 \$104	0.9%
6	Agricultural Pumping Service	40	5,253	150,079 1,364	\$11,869 \$240	\$343 \$2	\$12,214 \$243	\$11,869 \$240	\$449 \$3	\$12,318 \$243	\$104 \$1	0.8%
8	Partial Requirements Service => 1,000 kW	47 48	58		•				•	\$243 \$48,019	\$1 \$414	0.5%
8	Large General Service => 1,000 kW	48 54	28	804,397 244	\$46,269 \$22	\$1,335 \$1	\$47,605 \$22	\$46,269 \$22	\$1,749 \$1	\$48,019 \$22	\$414	0.9%
9	Recreational Field Lighting Unbilled	34	20	244	\$22	<b>D</b> 1	\$22	\$22	Ф1	\$44	<b>3</b> 0	0.078
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10	Total Commercial & Industrial		24,920	2,367,498	\$165,365	\$4,784	\$170,149	\$165,365	\$6,245	\$171,610	\$1,461	0.9%
	Public Street Lighting											
11	Outdoor Area Lighting Service	15	2,591	3,461	\$487	\$8	\$495	\$487	\$10	\$497	\$2	0.5%
12	Street Lighting Service	51	155	3,305	\$657	\$7	\$664	\$657	\$9	\$666	\$2	0.3%
13	Street Lighting Service	52	18	324	\$51	\$1	\$52	\$51	\$1	\$52	\$0	0.4%
14	Street Lighting Service	53	205	4,666	319	\$10	\$330	\$319	\$13	\$333	\$3	1.0%
15	Street Lighting Service	57	41	1,959	236	\$4	\$241	\$236	\$6	\$242	\$1	0.6%
	Unbilled											
16	Total Public Street Lighting		3,010	13,715	\$1,751	\$30	\$1,781	\$1,751	\$39_	\$1,790	\$9_	0.5%
17	Total Sales to Standard Tariff Customers		131,934	3,993,425	\$302,429	\$8,764	\$311,193	\$302,429	\$11,400	\$313,829	\$2,636	0.8%
18	Total AGA				\$828		\$828	\$828		\$828		
19	Total Sales to Ultimate Consumers		131,934	3,993,425	\$303,256	\$8,764	\$312,021	\$303,256	\$11,400	\$314,656	\$2,636	0.8%