

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of

PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC POWER &
LIGHT COMPANY,

Petitioner,

Seeking an Exemption from the
Provisions of WAC 480-100-257
Requiring Electric Companies to File
2019 Commission Basis Reports by
May 1, 2020

DOCKET UE-200362

ORDER 01

GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM
RULE; GRANTING EXTENSION
TO FILE 2019 COMMISSION
BASIS REPORT

BACKGROUND

- 1 On April 20, 2020, PacifiCorp, d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company, (PacifiCorp or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition requesting an extension of time to file its 2019 Commission Basis Report (CBR) pursuant to WAC 480-100-257 (Petition). WAC 480-100-257 requires electric utilities to file CBRs within four months of the end of a utility's fiscal year. PacifiCorp's deadline is May 1 each year. According to the Petition, the Company requests a two-week extension until May 15, 2020, due to the complexities of working remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2 Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-07-110 provides that the Commission may grant an exemption from any of its rules if doing so it consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation, and applicable statutes. Under its general regulatory powers, the Commission promulgated WAC 480-100-257 to obtain information from electric companies depicting a utility's operations under normal temperature and power supply conditions on an annual basis, which aids the Commission's ability to regulate in the public interest.¹

¹ See RCW 80.01.040 and RCW 81.04.160.

3 Commission staff (Staff) reviewed the Petition and believes it is reasonable. Accordingly,
Staff recommends granting PacifiCorp's Petition.

DISCUSSION

4 We agree with Staff's recommendation and grant the Company's Petition. We find that
granting the exemption is consistent with the public interest in light of the unprecedented
conditions the Company is facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The exemption is also
consistent with the purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes. Providing the
Company with two additional weeks to file its CBR will not impose any hardship on the
Commission, nor will it interfere with the Commission's regulatory functions.
Accordingly, we grant the Company's Petition and extend the deadline for PacifiCorp to
file its CBR until May 15, 2020.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with
the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts,
securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service
companies, including electric companies.
- 6 (2) PacifiCorp is an electric company and a public service company subject to
Commission jurisdiction.
- 7 (3) PacifiCorp is subject to WAC 480-100-257, which requires electric companies to
file a Commission Basis Report by May 1 of each year.
- 8 (4) Under WAC 480-100-008 and 480-07-110, the Commission may grant an
extension of time allowing the Company to file its Commission Basis Report.
- 9 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on
April 23, 2020.
- 10 (6) After reviewing the Petition filed in Docket UE-200362 by PacifiCorp on April 20,
2020, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is in
the public interest and is consistent with the purposes underlying the regulation and
applicable statutes and should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11* (1) PacifiCorp, d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company's petition for exemption from WAC 480-100-257 is granted. PacifiCorp, d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company, is granted an extension until May 15, 2020, to file its 2019 Commission Base Report.
- 12* (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and PacifiCorp, d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company, to effectuate the provisions of this Order.
- 13* The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective April 23, 2020.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK L. JOHNSON
Executive Director and Secretary