

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of

PACIFICORP dba PACIFIC POWER &
LIGHT COMPANY

Petition for an Order Approving Deferral of
Costs Related to the increase in the
Regulatory Fee.

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PACIFICORP'S AMENDED PETITION
FOR ACCOUNTING ORDER

I. INTRODUCTION

1 In accordance with WAC 480-07-370(3), PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp or the Company) petitions the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) for an order authorizing the Company to defer from the date of this petition forward the costs associated with the increase in the regulatory fee associated with Senate Bill 5634. PacifiCorp seeks deferral of these costs to track and preserve them for later ratemaking treatment and recovery.

II. BACKGROUND

2 PacifiCorp is an electric utility and public service company doing business in the state of Washington under RCW 80.04.010, and its public utility operations, retail rates, service, and accounting practices are subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. PacifiCorp also provides retail electricity service under the name Pacific Power in Oregon and California and under the name Rocky Mountain Power in Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming. The Company's principal place of business is 825 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 2000, Portland, Oregon 97232.

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III. THE BASIS FOR REQUESTING DEFERRED ACCOUNTING

A. Description

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This petition requests deferred accounting treatment for the costs associated with the increase in the regulatory fee. Senate Bill 5634 was signed into law on March 24, 2022, and increased the regulatory fee from 0.2 percent to 0.4 percent.¹ This new rate applies to “gross operating revenue from intrastate operations for the proceeding year”, and will apply to revenues from calendar year 2022 and will be payable to the Commission in 2023.² PacifiCorp’s current rates include a rate 0.2 percent applied to all revenues. The updated rate will increase the regulatory fee that PacifiCorp pays to the Commission and, PacifiCorp’s revenues will no longer be set at a level to recover this

¹ Laws of 2022, Ch. 159, §1.

² RCW 80.24.010.

additional cost. Approval of deferred accounting treatment would allow PacifiCorp to create a regulatory asset so that the costs from this change in the law may be recovered for ratemaking treatment in a future rate proceeding.

B. Proposed Accounting

5 During the deferral period, PacifiCorp proposes to account for increased regulatory fees by debiting Account 186 – Miscellaneous Deferred Debits. The Company requests that it be allowed to accrue interest on the unamortized balance at the quarterly rate published by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

C. Estimate of Amounts

6 PacifiCorp estimates the cost from increase in Regulatory Fees to be approximately \$729,000 per year. This estimate is based on the Washington estimated annual revenue of approximately \$364 million per year.

IV. CONCLUSION

7 PacifiCorp respectfully requests that the Commission authorize the Company to defer the costs associated with increase in the regulatory fee from 0.2 percent to 0.4 percent. The Company will address any ratemaking treatment of these costs in a future filing or general rate case.

Respectfully submitted this 7th day of December, 2022.

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