

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET UE-061546
TRANSPORTATION)	
COMMISSION,)	ORDER 01
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Complainant,)	
)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
v.)	SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISIONS
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PACIFICORP D/B/A PACIFIC)	
POWER & LIGHT COMPANY,)	
)	
Respondent.)	
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On October 3, 2006, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-74, as listed in the appendix attached to this Order. The stated effective date is November 2, 2006. The purpose of the filing is to increase its rates and charges for its electric service to its customers in the state of Washington. With this filing, the Company requests an electric rate increase of \$23.2 million, or 10.2 percent.

- 2 PacifiCorp requested entry of a Commission complaint and order suspending the tariff pages filed on October 3, 2006, without consideration at an open public meeting. PacifiCorp waived its right to object to the procedure by which this order is entered.

- 3 The Commission finds that the filing would increase charges and rates for service provided by PacifiCorp. Because these increases might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public and PacifiCorp has not demonstrated that the increases would result in rates that are fair, just and reasonable, the Commission suspends the tariff filing and will hold public hearings if necessary to determine whether the proposed increases are fair, just and reasonable.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies, including electric companies. *RCW 80.01.040, Chapter 80.04 RCW, Chapter 80.28 RCW, Chapter 80.08 RCW and Chapter 80.12 RCW.*
- 5 (2) PacifiCorp is an electric company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 6 (3) The tariff revisions filed by PacifiCorp on October 3, 2006 would increase charges and rates for service provided by PacifiCorp, and might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public.
- 7 (4) PacifiCorp has not yet demonstrated that the tariff revisions would result in rates that are fair, just and reasonable.
- 8 (5) In order to carry out the duties imposed upon the Commission by law, and as authorized in RCW 80.04.130, the Commission believes it is necessary to investigate PacifiCorp's books, accounts, practices and activities; to make a valuation or appraisal of PacifiCorp's property; and to investigate and appraise various phases of PacifiCorp's operations.
- 9 (6) As required by RCW 80.04.130 (4), PacifiCorp bears the burden of proof to show that the proposed increases are fair, just and reasonable.
- 10 (7) PacifiCorp may be required to pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to such an investigation to the extent the requirements for such payment are in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80.20 RCW.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 (1) The tariff revisions filed on October 3 are suspended.
- 12 (2) The Commission will hold hearings at such times and places as may be required.
- 13 (3) Pacific Power & Light Company must not change or alter the tariffs filed in this docket during the suspension period, unless authorized to do so in this docket by the Commission by order or by letter from the Secretary of the Commission.
- 14 (4) The Commission will institute an investigation of Pacific Power & Light's books, accounts, practices, activities, property and operations as described above.
- 15 (5) Pacific Power & Light shall pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to the Commission's investigation to the extent the requirements for such payment are in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80.20 RCW.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective October 9, 2006.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK H. SIDRAN, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

Appendix

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9 th Revised	Sheet No. 51.1	Schedule 51 – High Pressure Sodium Vapor Street Lighting Service
9 th Revised	Sheet No. 52.1	Schedule 52 – Street Lighting Service Company – Owned System
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9 th Revised	Sheet No. 54.1	Schedule 54 – Recreational Field Lighting - Restricted
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Original	Sheet No. 99.1	Schedule 99 - Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism
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