

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of

PACIFIC POWER AND LIGHT
COMPANY'S

Final 2015 Renewable Compliance
Report under RCW 19.285.070 and
WAC 480-109-210

DOCKET UE-151162

ORDER 02

ORDER ACKNOWLEDGING
COMPLIANCE WITH 2015
RENEWABLE ENERGY TARGET

BACKGROUND

A. The Energy Independence Act

- 1 Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 19.285, the Energy Independence Act (EIA), includes a renewable portfolio standard (RPS), which requires electric utilities with 25,000 or more customers to obtain certain percentages of their electricity from new renewable resources beginning in 2012. RCW 19.285.060(6) authorizes the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) to enforce the EIA with respect to investor-owned utilities.¹
- 2 RCW 19.285.030(20) authorized the Washington State Department of Commerce (Commerce) to select a tracking body to verify the certificates representing eligible generation that utilities use for compliance with the EIA. Commerce selected the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS) to perform this function. WAC 480-109-200(3) requires that all eligible renewable generation used by investor-owned utilities for EIA compliance be registered and retired in WREGIS.

B. Company Filings

- 3 On June 1, 2015, Pacific Power & Light Company (Pacific Power or Company) initiated this docket by filing with the Commission a Renewable Portfolio Standard Report (RPS report) pursuant to RCW 19.285.070 and WAC 480-109-210. At the request of

¹ RCW 19.285.030(11) defines "investor-owned utility" by reference to RCW 19.29A.010. RCW 19.29A.010(19) provides: "Investor-owned utility" means a company owned by investors that meets the definition of RCW 80.040.010 and is engaged in distributing electricity to more than one retail customer in the state."

Commission staff (Staff), the Company filed replacement pages on July 10, 2015, to clarify the Company’s process for allocating renewable energy generation to Washington, as required by WAC 480-109-210(2)(e). Pacific Power filed a replacement report on August 14, 2015, that further clarified the allocation process and updated the Company’s reporting tool to accurately reflect Washington’s share of the Company’s renewable generation. On August 27, 2015, the Commission entered Order 01 in this Docket approving Pacific Power’s calculation of its 2015 renewable energy target as 123,155 megawatt-hours (MWh).

4 WAC 480-109-210(6) requires a utility to submit a final RPS compliance report within two years of the initial report documenting the certificates it retired in WREGIS to comply with its target and requesting a compliance determination from the Commission. Pacific Power filed its final RPS report on June 1, 2017, which identifies the following 123,155 MWh that the Company generated or acquired for 2015 RPS compliance:

WREGIS ID	Facility Name (Location)	Resource Type	Vintage	Amount (MWh)	Multiplier	Total
W536	Goodnoe Hills (Goldendale, WA)	Wind	2014	11,234	N/A	11,234
W536	Goodnoe Hills (Goldendale, WA)	Wind	2015	9,656	N/A	9,656
W200	Leaning Juniper (Arlington, OR)	Wind	2014	17,270	N/A	17,270
W185	Marengo I (Dayton, WA)	Wind	2014	29,478	N/A	29,478
W772	Marengo II (Dayton, WA)	Wind	2014	14,022	N/A	14,022
W1640	SPI Aberdeen (Aberdeen, WA)	Biomass (unbundled REC purchase)	2015	40,000	N/A	40,000
W180	J.C. Boyle (Klamath R., OR)	Incremental Hydro	2015	172	N/A	172
W157	Lemolo 1 (N. Umpqua R., OR)	Incremental Hydro	2015	1,011	N/A	1,011
W158	Lemolo 2 (N. Umpqua R., OR)	Incremental Hydro	2015	86	N/A	86
W140	Prospect 2 (Rogue River, OR)	Incremental Hydro	2015	226	N/A	226
Total MWh + RECs Acquired:						123,155
2015 Target (MWh):						123,155

5 The Company met its 2015 RPS target of 123,155 MWh using a mix of Company-owned
wind and incremental hydropower resources as well as unbundled renewable energy
credit (REC) purchases. WAC 480-109-200(7) lists three methods from which a utility
may choose to calculate the eligible renewable generation (incremental hydropower)
portion of an upgraded hydropower facility's output pursuant to RCW 19.285.030(12)(b).
Pacific Power used Method 2 to calculate the eligible output of Company-owned
hydropower facilities.

6 Staff reviewed the Company's RPS report and recommends the Commission issue an
order finding that: 1) Pacific Power complied with the final renewable portfolio standard
reporting requirements in WAC 480-109-210(6), and 2) Pacific Power met its 2015
renewable portfolio standard target of 123,155 megawatt-hours and retired corresponding
certificates in WREGIS.

DISCUSSION

7 We find that Pacific Power has complied with the final renewable portfolio standard
reporting requirements in WAC 480-109-210(6) and met its 2015 renewable portfolio
standard target of 123,155 megawatt-hours.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 8 (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 electrical companies.
- 9 (2) Pacific Power is an electrical company and a public service company subject to
Commission jurisdiction and is an "investor-owned utility" under RCW
19.285.030(11).
- 10 (3) Pacific Power serves more than 25,000 customers within the State of Washington,
and it is a "qualifying utility" under RCW 19.285.030(19).
- 11 (4) Under RCW 19.285.040(2)(a)(i) and WAC 480-109-200(1)(a), Pacific Power's
renewable energy target for 2015 was 123,155 megawatt-hours.

- 12 (5) In Pacific Power's Final Renewable Compliance Report, filed on June 1, 2017, the Company demonstrated that it had acquired 123,155 megawatt-hours of eligible generation.
- 13 (6) Pacific Power retired a total of 123,155 certificates in WREGIS.
- 14 (7) Pacific Power has complied with all reporting and filing requirements set out in Order 01.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 15 (1) Pacific Power and Light Company complied with the final renewable portfolio standard reporting requirements set out in WAC 480-109-210(6).
- 16 (2) Pacific Power and Light Company met its 2015 renewable portfolio standard target of 123,155 megawatt-hours and retired corresponding certificates in the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System.
- 17 (3) Pacific Power and Light Company has complied with its 2015 renewable energy target as required by RCW 19.285.040(2)(a)(i).

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective June 29, 2017.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary