

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

COMPLAINANT,

V.

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

RESPONDENT.

DOCKET UE-161204

ORDER 11

APPROVING STRANDED COST
RECOVERY FEE

BACKGROUND

- 1 On November 14, 2016, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp or Company)¹ filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its then effective Tariff WN U-75. The tariff filing would have amended Rule 1 – General Rules and Regulations; Rule 4 – Application for Electric Service; Rule 6 – Facilities on Customer Premises; and Schedule 300 – Charges as Defined by the Rules and Regulations. PacifiCorp filed those revisions to amend what the Company referred to as its Net Removal Tariff. The amendments provided for a stranded cost recovery fee (SCRF) that the Company would charge customers terminating their service with PacifiCorp in order to obtain electrical service from another provider. The Commission suspended the tariff revisions pending a determination as to their fairness, justness, reasonableness, and sufficiency.
- 2 Following an adjudication, the Commission issued Order 09 in this docket rejecting PacifiCorp’s compliance filing and requiring the Company to revise the rejected filing. Among other things, Order 09 required PacifiCorp to revise Tariff WN U-75 such that any SCRF charged by the Company would be subject to Commission review. The Company filed the required revisions on February 8, 2018.

¹ In 2019, PacifiCorp changed its business name with the Commission from “Pacific Power & Light Company” to “PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company.” See Pacific Power & Light Company’s Request to Change Name to PacifiCorp, Docket UE-191004 (December 5, 2019).

3 On May 21, 2020, PacifiCorp filed the first SCRF charged under the revisions to the Net
Removal Tariff for approval as required by Order 09. The departing customer did not
contest the SCRF and paid the fee.

4 On February 29, 2024, the Company filed two additional SCRF charges as required by
Order 09. The departing customers do not contest the respective SCRFs and have, in fact,
already paid the fees.

5 Commission staff (Staff) has reviewed the Company's filing, engaged in discussions with
the Company concerning the methodology employed by PacifiCorp to calculate the
respective SCRFs, and finds the SCRFs to be fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient. Staff
recommends that the Commission approve the SCRFs.

DISCUSSION

6 We agree with Staff's recommendation. In Orders 06 and 09 in this docket, the
Commission determined that, given the case-by-case inquiry called for when determining
the appropriate SCRF for a departing customer, any such fee was effectively a tariff filing
requiring Commission approval at a regularly scheduled open meeting. The SCRFs for
which PacifiCorp seeks review of in this filing properly reflect the costs and benefits of
the customer's decision to terminate service with PacifiCorp. By doing so, it allows the
Company to recover investments made to serve the departing customers in a fair, just,
reasonable, and sufficient manner. We approve the SCRFs.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

7 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with
the authority to regulate rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities,
and transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies,
including electric companies.

8 (2) PacifiCorp is a public service company and electric company subject to
Commission jurisdiction.

9 (3) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled
meeting on April 25, 2024.

10 (4) The SCRFs proposed by PacifiCorp are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient; and
should be approved.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 (1) PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company's proposed stranded cost recovery fees are approved.
- 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.

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 25, 2024.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFF KILLIP
Executive Director and Secretary