

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WALLA WALLA COUNTRY CLUB,)
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 Complainant,) DOCKET UE-143932
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 v.)
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PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT)
COMPANY,)
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 Respondent.)
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EXHIBIT NO.__(BGM-3)

EXHIBIT FILING EXCERPTS FROM DOCKET UE-130043

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Rebuttal Testimony of William G. Clemens

August 2002

1 Q. Are you the same William G. Clemens that submitted prefiled direct testimony on
2 behalf of PacifiCorp in May 2001?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. What is the purpose of your rebuttal testimony?

5 A. I am sponsoring rebuttal testimony that addresses the July 2001 Direct testimony of
6 staff-witness Henry B. McIntosh.

7 Q. Are you also providing rebuttal to the July 2001 Reply testimony of Thomas H. Hustad
8 of the Columbia Rural Electric Association, Inc. ("CREA")?

9 A. No, due to the subject matter of CREA's prefiled testimony. PacifiCorp's application
10 and prefiled testimony asserts that the Company has lost customers to a competitive
11 provider and proposes what PacifiCorp deems an appropriate net removal cost charge
12 to such departing customers. The Reply testimony of Mr. Hustad addresses CREA's
13 franchises in Eastern Washington, whether or not CREA has solicited PacifiCorp's
14 retail customers, the cooperative's policies regarding removal of facilities and whether
15 or not PacifiCorp's proposed net removal cost charges are anticompetitive.
16 Counsel informs me that while the issues addressed in CREA's prefiled testimony may
17 possibly be relevant to a service territory agreement proceeding before the Commission
18 under RCW 54.48, PacifiCorp does not believe that these factors are relevant to
19 processing the Company's proposed tariffed net removal cost charges. Counsel further
20 informs me that Washington precedent indicates that CREA does not have a substantial
21 interest in rates charged to PacifiCorp customers, nor does the Commission have
22 jurisdiction in a proceeding addressing proposed changes in tariffed rates to consider
23 competition between PacifiCorp and CREA or the impacts of PacifiCorp's rates on
24 CREA's operations. PacifiCorp's position is that the focus in this proceeding is on the
25 appropriateness of PacifiCorp's proposed net removal cost charges, not on whether

1 competition exists, whether competition is good, what CREA's removal policies may
2 be, nor on whether the cooperative is soliciting PacifiCorp customers.

3 **Direct Testimony of Henry B. McIntosh**

4 Q. How does Staff describe its position relative to PacifiCorp's proposed tariffs?

5 A. Staff proposes an alternative to the language of PacifiCorp's proposed net removal cost
6 charge tariffs in the prefiled testimony of Henry B. McIntosh. Staff believes that
7 PacifiCorp's language is vague, is not expressly limited to govern removal of
8 distribution facilities nor does it define such facilities. McIntosh testimony, pp. 3-4.

9 Q. What does Staff propose?

10 A. Staff proposes that a net removal charge be approved, but one different from
11 PacifiCorp's proposal in the following respects:

12 (a) Staff wishes to clarify that charges only apply to distribution facilities;

13 (b) Staff proposes that the charges apply to any customer requesting permanent
14 disconnection in circumstances where the facilities will not be reused at that site or
15 when the customer specifically requests that a facility be removed;

16 (c) Staff's proposal limits and defines the scope of the distribution facilities involved;

17 (e) Staff's proposal, where possible, states a specific charge for certain applications of
18 the tariff; e.g., \$200 for overhead residential and \$400 for underground residential
19 removals.

20 Q. What is the Company's response to Staff's suggested changes to PacifiCorp's proposed
21 Rule 4 in Tariff WNU-74?

22 A. PacifiCorp believes that Staff's proposals have merit and, subject to minor clarification
23 language described below, the Company will amend its proposed tariff language to
24 reflect Staff's proposals. Staff's proposed language to Rule 4(f) follows with
25 PacifiCorp's suggested minor modification underlined and in italics.

1 *In Rule 4(f) add the following after the existing paragraph on page f.3:*

2 a) When Customer requests Company to permanently disconnect Company's
3 facilities, under circumstances where the facilities would likely not be reused at the
4 same site, Customer shall pay to Company the actual cost for removal less salvage
5 of only those distribution facilities that need to be removed for safety or
6 operational reasons, and only if those facilities were necessary to provide service to
7 Customer. However, the actual cost for removal less salvage charged to Customer
8 making a request under this paragraph shall not include any amount for any
9 distribution facilities located on public easement (other than the meter and
10 overhead or underground service). When the facilities removed by Company are
11 residential overhead service & meter only, the charges shall be \$200. When the
12 facilities removed by Company are residential underground service & meter only,
13 the charges shall be \$400.

14 b) When Customer requests Company to permanently disconnect Company's
15 facilities, under circumstances where the facilities would likely not be reused at the
16 same site and Customer also requests Company to remove specific distribution
17 facilities, Customer shall pay to Company the amounts described in
18 paragraph (a) above, as well as the actual cost for removal less salvage of any
19 different distribution facilities Customer requests be removed. Notwithstanding
20 the last sentence of paragraph (a), the actual cost for removal less salvage charged
21 to a Customer making a request under this paragraph may include amounts for
22 distribution facilities located on public easement if Customer specifically requests
23 such facilities be removed.

24 c) Company shall remove facilities pursuant to paragraph (a) and (b) only to
25 the extent it can do so without an adverse impact on the service provided, or to be
26 provided, to other customers.

1 **In billing for removal of distribution facilities under paragraphs (a) and**
2 **(b), Company shall charge Customer for the actual cost for removal, less salvage,**
3 **unless the specific charge stated in paragraph (a) applies. Company shall provide**
4 **an estimate of such charges to Customer prior to removal of facilities. The**
5 **Customer shall pay the amount estimated prior to disconnection and removal of**
6 **facilities. The facilities shall be removed at a date and time convenient to both the**
7 **Customer and Company. Within 10 business days after removal, Company shall**
8 **determine the actual cost for removal less salvage, and adjust Customer's**
9 **estimated bill to that amount unless the specific charge stated in paragraph (a)**
10 **applies.**

11 Q. Is Staff proposing other conditions to PacifiCorp's proposed net removal cost charges?

12 A. Yes. Staff proposes that the changes to Rule 4 in Tariff WNU-74 bear a "sunset date"
13 of December 31, 2005. PacifiCorp does not object to an established expiration date for
14 the proposed net removal charges thereby placing the burden on the Company to
15 affirmatively come before the Commission to extend or modify the charges.

16 In addition, Staff proposes that annual reporting requirements be imposed on
17 PacifiCorp that would reflect the number of times the tariff was applied, customer date,
18 nature of request, estimated removal cost and salvage, actual removal cost and salvage,
19 description of facilities removed, and the accounts used to book each transaction.
20 PacifiCorp has no objection to imposition of this reporting condition.

21 Q. Please summarize the Company's reasoning for proposing implementation of net
22 removal cost charges.

23 A. The need to remove the facilities is grounded on safety and operational concerns.
24 Certain facilities should be removed to avoid placing electric supplier employees and
25 public safety personnel such as firemen in a potentially harmful situation where
26 duplicative electric distribution facilities are present; some energized, some not.

1 The reason to impose such costs on departing customers is that these persons cause
2 PacifiCorp to incur the removal costs. The Company believes that it is not fair or
3 reasonable that PacifiCorp be required to absorb such net removal costs or to have an
4 annualized net removal expense incorporated into rates under which remaining
5 customers would shoulder the burden of the removal costs incurred. PacifiCorp
6 maintains that it is sound regulatory policy to impose such costs on the departing
7 customers.

8 Q. Does that conclude your testimony?

9 A. Yes.

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Columbia REA Data Request 2.4 – 1st Supplemental

Columbia REA Data Request 2.4

Where facilities have been left in place, identify: (a) the facility and reasons for leaving the facilities in place; (b) address of the installed facilities; and (c) charges, fees or other costs paid by the customer/property owner for the value of the facilities?

1st Supplemental Response to Columbia REA Data Request 2.4

The Company continues to object to this request as unduly burdensome, overly broad, as seeking confidential customer information, and as seeking confidential commercial information concerning business methods that should not be disclosed under RCW 4.24.601. The Company also objects to this request as not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Without waiving these objections, the Company responds as follows:

The Company interprets this request as asking about facilities that have been left in place after a customer requests a change of service or utility provider. Under the terms of Rule 6.I., Permanent Disconnection and Removal of Company Facilities, the Company does not remove facilities when a customer requests a change of service or utility provider if the facilities serving the customer also provide service to another customer or if there is no safety or operational reason to remove the facilities serving the customer.

In addition, even if there is a safety or operational issue, the Company may negotiate with an individual customer to leave certain facilities in place provided the customer agrees to purchase and assume liability for those facilities. The amount to be paid for the facilities would be negotiated with the customer.

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