## BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of

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

Petitioner,

Seeking a Different Deadline to File an All-Source Request for Proposals Solicitation Under WAC 480-107-017(5) DOCKET UE-210979

ORDER 01

GRANTING PETITION TO SET A DIFFERENT DEADLINE FOR THE ALL-SOURCE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SOLICITATION DATE

# BACKGROUND

- On December 29, 2021, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition (Petition) requesting the Commission establish a different deadline than 30 days for the Company to issue its all-source request for proposals (RFP).<sup>1</sup>
- WAC 480-107-017(5) requires electric companies to solicit bids for a resource need within 30 days of a Commission order approving an RFP unless the Commission establishes a different deadline. PacifiCorp's RFP is currently scheduled to come before the Commission at its March 10, 2022, open meeting. Unless the Commission establishes a different deadline, PacifiCorp would be required to issue its RFP by April 9, 2022.
- In its Petition, PacifiCorp explains that extending the deadline until May 1, 2022, would allow the Company to receive final regulatory decisions related to its RFP in Oregon and Utah, the two other states where it serves electric customers.
- 4 Commission staff (Staff) reviewed the Petition and agrees that additional time is reasonable to allow PacifiCorp to coordinate proceedings before the Oregon and Utah

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Although PacifiCorp included its request in its cover letter, the Commission construes it as a petition to establish a different deadline under WAC 480-107-017(5). Pursuant to WAC 480-07-395(4), the Commission will consider pleadings and motions based primarily on the relief they request and will not rely solely on the name of the document.

state commissions. Staff thus recommends granting PacifiCorp's Petition and setting the Company's solicitation date as May 1, 2022.

### DISCUSSION

5 We grant PacifiCorp's request and require the Company to issue its final request for proposals by May 1, 2022. We agree with Staff that PacifiCorp's request is reasonable to ensure that the Company has sufficient time to receive final regulatory approval for its RFP in Oregon and Utah.

### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 6 (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 electric companies.
- 7 (2) PacifiCorp is engaged in the business of providing electric services within the state of Washington and is a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 8 (3) PacifiCorp is subject to WAC 480-107-017(5), which requires electric companies to solicit bids for a resource need within 30 days of a Commission order approving an RFP unless the Commission establishes a different deadline.
- 9 (4) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 10, 2022.
- 10 (5) After reviewing PacifiCorp's Petition filed in Docket UE-210979 on December 29, 2021, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that granting the Petition and establishing a different deadline is consistent with the public interest.

### ORDER

# THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

(1) PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company's Petition to establish a different deadline to issue its 2022 all-source RFP is granted.

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- 12 (2) PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company shall solicit bids for its 2022 all-source RFP no later than May 1, 2022.
- 13 (3) 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 February 10, 2022.

# WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

AMANDA MAXWELL Executive Director and Secretary