

MINUTES

Thursday, December 10, 2020

9:30 A.M.

PRESENT: David Danner, Chairman
Jay Balasbas, Commissioner
Ann Rendahl, Commissioner

The virtual regular meeting of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission was called to order on Thursday, December 10, 2020 by Chairman Danner. Mark Vasconi, Director, Regulatory Services, indicated that Item F9, Docket UE-200888, PacifiCorp, Tariff Revision, has been removed from this meeting and will be heard on the December 23, 2020, Open Meeting.

E)1. Consent
00:00 mp3

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to approve the consent agenda and directs the Secretary to sign orders and/or letters necessary to affect each action. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

UTILITIES:

A)1. 4:45 MS Teams Docket Number UE-200234; PacifiCorp; Petition for an order approving the deferral of costs and benefits associated with the COVID-19 public health emergency. Petition for Accounting Order

Appearances: Kristen Hillstead and Chris McGuire, staff; Lisa Gafken, Assistant Attorney General, Public Counsel; Simon ffitich, The Energy Project; Pat Ehrbar, Amanda Goodin, Attorney, Earth Justice, representing Puget Sound Sage, and Front and Centered; Mariel Thuraisingham, Front and Centered; Katrina Peterson, Puget Sound Sage; Doug Howell and Julian Aris, Sierra Club; David Morton, Consumer; Vonit Yogev, Concerned Citizen; Eleanor Bastion, Washington Environmental Council; Amy Wheelless, Northwest Energy Coalition; Megan O'Hara, Consumer; Reverand Wahhab Baldwin, Sierra Club and Consumer; Valentina Warner, Consumer; Emily Hazelton, Consumer; Louis Poncz, Consumer; Ariel Sun, PacifiCorp; Corey Dahl, Public Counsel; Michael Brosch, Consultant, Public Counsel; Tyler Pepple, Attorney for AWEC

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to issue an order granting in part and denying in part the petition filed by PacifiCorp, d/b/a Pacific Power and Light Company, in Docket UE-200234, as revised on December 3, 2020, subject to conditions, authorizing deferred accounting treatment of costs and benefits associated with the COVID-19 public

health emergency, requiring the company to record deferred expenses in FERC Account 186, and denying the company's request to accrue interest on the deferral balance, and to work with staff on tracking the deferral issue. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)2. 4:45 MS Teams Docket Number UE-200407; Avista Corporation; Petition for an order approving the deferral of costs and benefits associated with the COVID-19 public health emergency. Petition for Accounting Order

Appearances: Kristen Hillstead and Chris McGuire, staff; Lisa Gafken, Assistant Attorney General, Public Counsel; Simon ffitch, The Energy Project; Patrick Ehrbar, Avista Corporation; Amanda Goodin, Attorney, Earth Justice, representing Puget Sound Sage, and Front and Centered; Mariel Thuraisingham, Front and Centered; Katrina Peterson, Puget Sound Sage; Doug Howell and Julian Aris, Sierra Club; David Morton, Consumer; Vonit Yogev, Concerned Citizen; Eleanor Bastion, Washington Environmental Council; Amy Wheelless, Northwest Energy Coalition; Megan O'Hara, Consumer; Reverand Wahhab Baldwin, Sierra Club and Consumer; Valentina Warner, Consumer; Emily Hazelton, Consumer; Louis Poncz, Consumer; Corey Dahl, Public Counsel; Michael Brosch, Consultant, Public Counsel; Tyler Pepple, Attorney for AWEC

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to Issue an order granting the petition filed by Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities in Dockets UE-200407 and UG-200408, as revised on November 23, 2020, subject to conditions, authorizing deferred accounting treatment of costs and benefits associated with the COVID-19 public health emergency, and requiring the company to record deferred expenses in FERC Account 186. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)3. 4:45 MS Teams Docket Number UE-200780; Puget Sound Energy; Petition for an order approving the deferral of costs and benefits associated with the COVID-19 public health emergency. Petition for Accounting Order

Appearances: Kristen Hillstead and Chris McGuire, staff; Lisa Gafken, Assistant Attorney General, Public Counsel; Simon ffitch, The Energy Project; Amanda Goodin, Attorney, Earth Justice, representing Puget Sound Sage, and Front and Centered; Mariel Thuraisingham, Front and Centered; Katrina Peterson, Puget Sound Sage; Doug Howell and Julian Aris, Sierra Club; David Morton, Consumer; Vonit Yogev, Concerned Citizen; Eleanor Bastion, Washington Environmental Council; Amy Wheelless, Northwest Energy Coalition; Megan O'Hara, Consumer; Reverand Wahhab Baldwin, Sierra Club and Consumer; Valentina Warner, Consumer; Emily Hazelton, Consumer; Louis Poncz, Consumer; Susan Free, Puget Sound Energy; Corey Dahl, Public Counsel; Michael Brosch, Consultant, Public Counsel; Tyler Pepple, Attorney for AWEC

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to Issue an order granting in part and denying in part the petition filed by Puget Sound Energy in Dockets UE-200780 and UG-200781, as revised on November 6, 2020, subject to conditions, authorizing deferred accounting treatment of costs and benefits associated with the COVID-19 public health emergency and denying the request to defer unspecified “other costs” and labor costs. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)4. 4:45 MS Teams Docket Number UG-200264; Northwest Natural Gas Company; Petition for an order approving the deferral of costs and benefits associated with the COVID-19 public health emergency. Petition for Accounting Order

Appearances: Kristen Hillstead and Chris McGuire, staff; Lisa Gafken, Assistant Attorney General, Public Counsel; Simon ffitch, The Energy Project; Amanda Goodin, Attorney, Earth Justice, representing Puget Sound Sage, and Front and Centered; Mariel Thuraingham, Front and Centered; Katrina Peterson, Puget Sound Sage; Doug Howell and Julian Aris, Sierra Club; David Morton, Consumer; Vonit Yogeve, Concerned Citizen; Eleanor Bastion, Washington Environmental Council; Amy Wheelless, Northwest Energy Coalition; Megan O’Hara, Consumer; Reverand Wahhab Baldwin, Sierra Club and Consumer; Valentina Warner, Consumer; Emily Hazelton, Consumer; Louis Poncz, Consumer; Corey Dahl, Public Counsel; Michael Brosch, Consultant, Public Counsel; Zachary Kravits, Northwest Natural Gas Company; Tyler Pepple, Attorney for AWEC

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to issue an order granting the petition filed by Northwest Natural Gas Company in Docket UG-200264, as revised on November 5, 2020, subject to conditions, authorizing deferred accounting treatment of costs and benefits associated with the COVID-19 public health emergency. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)5. 4:45 MS Teams Docket Number UG-200408; Avista Corporation; Petition for an order approving the deferral of costs and benefits associated with the COVID-19 public health emergency. Petition for Accounting Order

Appearances: Kristen Hillstead and Chris McGuire, staff; Lisa Gafken, Assistant Attorney General, Public Counsel; Simon ffitch, The Energy Project; Patrick Ehrbar, Avista Corporation; Amanda Goodin, Attorney, Earth Justice, representing Puget Sound Sage, and Front and Centered; Mariel Thuraingham, Front and Centered; Katrina Peterson, Puget Sound Sage; Doug Howell and Julian Aris, Sierra Club; David Morton, Consumer; Vonit Yogeve, Concerned Citizen; Eleanor Bastion, Washington Environmental Council; Amy Wheelless, Northwest Energy Coalition; Megan O’Hara, Consumer; Reverand Wahhab Baldwin, Sierra Club and Consumer; Valentina Warner, Consumer; Emily Hazelton, Consumer; Louis Poncz, Consumer; Corey Dahl, Public

Counsel; Michael Brosch, Consultant, Public Counsel; Tyler Pepple, Attorney for AWEC

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to ssue an order granting the petition filed by Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities in Dockets UE-200407 and UG-200408, as revised on November 23, 2020, subject to conditions, authorizing deferred accounting treatment of costs and benefits associated with the COVID-19 public health emergency, and requiring the company to record deferred expenses in FERC Account 186. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)6. 4:45 MS Teams Docket Number UG-200479; Cascade Natural Gas Corporation; Petition for an order approving the deferral of costs and benefits associated with the COVID-19 public health emergency. Petition for Accounting Order

Appearances: Kristen Hillstead and Chris McGuire, staff; Lisa Gafken, Assistant Attorney General, Public Counsel; Simon ffitch, The Energy Project; Amanda Goodin, Attorney, Earth Justice, representing Puget Sound Sage, and Front and Centered; Mariel Thuraisingham, Front and Centered; Katrina Peterson, Puget Sound Sage; Doug Howell and Julian Aris, Sierra Club; David Morton, Consumer; Vonit Yogev, Concerned Citizen; Eleanor Bastion, Washington Environmental Council; Amy Wheelless, Northwest Energy Coalition; Megan O'Hara, Consumer; Reverand Wahhab Baldwin, Sierra Club and Consumer; Valentina Warner, Consumer; Emily Hazelton, Consumer; Louis Poncz, Consumer; Corey Dahl, Public Counsel; Michael Brosch, Consultant, Public Counsel; Tyler Pepple, Attorney for AWEC; Mike Parvinen, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to ssue an order granting the petition filed by Cascade Natural Gas Corporation in Docket UG-200479, as revised on November 24, 2020, subject to conditions, authorizing deferred accounting treatment of costs and benefits associated with the COVID-19 public health emergency. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)7. 4:45 MS Teams Docket Number UG-200781; Puget Sound Energy; Petition for an order approving the deferral of costs and benefits associated with the COVID-19 public health emergency. Petition for Accounting Order

Appearances: Kristen Hillstead and Chris McGuire, staff; Lisa Gafken, Assistant Attorney General, Public Counsel; Simon ffitch, The Energy Project; Amanda Goodin, Attorney, Earth Justice, representing Puget Sound Sage, and Front and Centered; Mariel Thuraisingham, Front and Centered; Katrina Peterson, Puget Sound Sage; Doug Howell and Julian Aris, Sierra Club; David Morton, Consumer; Vonit Yogev, Concerned Citizen; Eleanor Bastion, Washington Environmental Council; Amy Wheelless, Northwest Energy

Coalition; Megan O'Hara, Consumer; Reverand Wahhab Baldwin, Sierra Club and Consumer; Valentina Warner, Consumer; Emily Hazelton, Consumer; Louis Poncz, Consumer; Susan Free, Puget Sound Energy; Corey Dahl, Public Counsel; Michael Brosch, Consultant, Public Counsel; Tyler Pepple, Attorney for AWEC

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to issue an order granting in part and denying in part the petition filed by Puget Sound Energy in Dockets UE-200780 and UG-200781, as revised on November 6, 2020, subject to conditions, authorizing deferred accounting treatment of costs and benefits associated with the COVID-19 public health emergency and denying the request to defer unspecified "other costs" and labor costs. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

TRANSPORTATION: No Transportation items for this agenda.

OTHER: No Other items for this agenda.

RECESSED: No Recessed items for this agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Attested by _____
Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director