

MINUTES

Thursday, December 9, 2021

9:30 A.M.

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

The regular meeting of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission was called to order on Thursday, December 9, 2021, by Chairman Danner. Mark Vasconi, Director, Regulatory Services indicated an addition of an Addendum: Item F1) TS-210928, Discover Lake Chelan, LLC, Tariff Revision.

E)1. Consent 00:00 mp4

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. 2:00 mp4 Docket Number UE-152253; PacifiCorp; Petition to modify and extend the decoupling mechanism approved in 2016. PacifiCorp is requesting the Commission: 1) change the timing of the deferral period, 2) remove Schedules 36 (Large General Service) and 50 (Agricultural Pumping) from the decoupling mechanism, 3) conduct the tracking and true-up as one-class, and 4) restrict the earnings test to only earnings from decoupled customers. Petition

Appearances: Jason Ball, staff; Robert Meredith, PacifiCorp;
Corey Dahl, Public Counsel; Amy Wheelless, NW Energy Coalition; Amanda Levin, Natural Resources Defense Council

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to issue an order granting the Petition filed by PacifiCorp to extend and modify its decoupling mechanism in Docket UE-152253 to become effective on January 1, 2022, with the following conditions:

- (1) The next deferral period shall be January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, and each calendar year thereafter.
- (2) The deadline to file the annual Schedule 93 rate adjustment shall be June 15 of each year and the rate effective date shall be September 1 of each year.

- (3) PacifiCorp to evaluate decoupling in its next general rate case to better determine the relationship between an earnings test and the general purpose of decoupling. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)
- A)2. 35:34 mp4 Docket Number UE-210829; PacifiCorp; Petition for Exemption from WAC 480-100-605 which requires that the “alternative lowest reasonable cost and reasonably available portfolio” include the social cost of greenhouse gases “in the resource acquisition decision” as presented in the clean energy implementation plan. Petition

Appearances: Jim Woodward, staff; Nash Callaghan, Assistant Attorney General; Riley Peck, PacifiCorp

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved in Docket UE-210829, to issue an order denying PacifiCorp, d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company’s petition for exemption from rule and directing the Company to include in its final CEIP both an “alternative lowest reasonable cost and reasonably available portfolio” and a “preferred portfolio” that incorporate the social cost of greenhouse gas emissions as required by WAC 480-100-605 and RCW 19.280.030 (3)(a). The company must use these portfolios in its calculation of projected incremental cost as required under 480-100-640(7). Chairman Danner seconded the motion. Commissioner Balasbas dissented. The motion carried (2:1)

- A)3. 52:42 mp4 Docket Number UW-210306; Canyon Lakes Water Company, L.L.C.; Exemption request from billing cycle requirements under WAC 480-110-375 and initial Tariff filing bringing the Company under Commission regulation resulting from a consumer protection investigation. The Company provides irrigation water service from its own wells to 38 customers and provides irrigation water from the Kennewick Irrigation District to approximately 340 customers near Kennewick, Washington. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Jim Ward, staff; Duane Klotz, customer

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to issue an order in docket UW-210306, granting an exemption from provisions of WAC 480-110-375, relating to billing cycle period and allow the tariff pages, filed by Canyon Lakes Water Company, LLC., on May 4, 2021, as revised on November 23, 2021, to become effective January 1, 2022, by operation of law. 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 10:31 a.m.

Attested by _____
Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director