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Re: Request for Hearing on Application for Deferred Accounting

Docket UM 1240

Enclosed for filing is PacifiCorp's Request for Hearing on Application for Deferred Accounting in the above-referenced matter. A copy of this filing has been served on all parties to this proceeding as indicated on the attached certificate of service.

Very truly yours,

Katherine A. McDowell

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1	BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
2	UM 1240
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4	In the Matter of the Application of PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT (d/b/a PacifiCorp) for a PACIFICORP'S REQUEST FOR
5	Deferred Accounting Order  HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR DEFERRED ACCOUNTING
6	DEFERRED ACCOUNTING
7	PacifiCorp respectfully requests that the Commission assign an ALJ to this matter,
8	hold a prehearing conference and set a schedule, including a hearing, that allows for the full
9	development of the record on the Application. PacifiCorp submits this request under
10	ORS 757.259(2) and under the guidelines for deferred accounting set forth in Order 05-1070,
11	which allow the Commission "flexibility to adapt [its] procedures as necessary on a case-by-
12	case basis." In re Investigation Related to Deferred Accounting, UM 1147, Order 05-1070
13	at 9 (Oct 2005).
14	PacifiCorp filed this Application on January 6, 2006, seeking deferred accounting for
15	the income tax effect of differences in test year versus actual net revenue. The Application
16	was scheduled for the Commission's public meeting agenda on March 23, 2006. In advance
17	of the meeting, Staff issued a memorandum recommending denial of PacifiCorp's
18	Application.
19	The issues raised by the Application and by Staff's memorandum are complex. The
20	general issue addressed by the Application is whether the Commission may use deferred
21	accounting as a regulatory tool to mitigate unintended, negative consequences of SB 408,
22	particularly the so-called "double whammy." While this question is generic in nature, the
23	scope and impact of the negative consequences is dependent on the unique factual
24	circumstances of the utility.
25	PacifiCorp submits that a full contested case process is required to develop the record
26	the Commission needs for decision in this case. Additionally, the existence of such a record

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1	may be useful in facilitating the implementation of SB 408 through rulemaking or legislative
2	amendments to SB 408.
3	PacifiCorp understands that the Commission intends to conduct contested case
4	proceedings in related deferred accounting applications filed by PGE and NW Natural,
5	Dockets UM 1238 and UM 1244, respectively. The Commission should handle all of these
6	cases in a uniform manner procedurally.
7	For the reasons stated, PacifiCorp respectfully requests commencement of full
8	contested case proceedings on this Application.
9	DATED: April 6, 2006. STOEL RIVES LLP/
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