ISSUED: September 17, 2009

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

## **OF OREGON**

**UE 210** 

In the Matter of

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,

RULING

Request for a General Rate Revision.

DISPOSITION: SCHEDULE AMENDED

On September 11, 2009, PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power (Pacific Power), filed a letter informing the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) that Pacific Power, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB), and Commission Staff (collectively the Settling Parties) had reached a settlement in principle on all revenue requirement issues in this case. The Settling Parties requested that the Commission suspend the procedural schedule and hold a scheduling conference as soon as possible.<sup>1</sup>

A prehearing conference was held by telephone on September 16, 2009. Representatives from Pacific Power, Staff, CUB, and the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) appeared at the conference. The Settling Parties anticipate reaching a settlement on rate spread and rate design issues in the next few days and expect to be able to file a stipulation and supporting testimony regarding all issues on September 25, 2009. The Settling Parties expect the Klamath Water Users Association and Fred Meyer Stores and Quality Food Centers, Divisions of Kroger Co., to join the stipulation. ICNU plans to object to the stipulation.

The parties agreed to the following schedule, which we adopted:

Stipulation and Supporting Testimony Due <sup>2</sup>	September 25, 2009
Response Testimony Objecting to the Stipulation Due	October 21, 2009
Reply Testimony in Support of the Stipulation Due	October 29, 2009
Oral Argument before the Commission	November 2, 2009
Hearing	November 4, 2009
Simultaneous Opening Briefs Due	November 25, 2009
Simultaneous Reply Briefs Due	December 7, 2009

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Parties should generally file formal motions to amend the schedule rather than informal requests by letter. In this case, however, we accepted the Settling Parties letter and treated it as a motion to amend the schedule because of an upcoming deadline to submit rebuttal testimony.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> If an all-issues settlement is not filed on September 25, 2009, the ALJs will issue an alternative schedule including deadlines for testimony on unresolved issues and a hearing on Pacific Power's application.

The parties agreed that for data requests received from September 25, 2009, through October 20, 2009, parties must use their best efforts to respond within seven business days of receipt; for data requests received from October 21, 2009, through October 28, 2009, parties must use their best efforts to respond within three business days of receipt; and for data requests received from October 29, 2009, through November 4, 2009, parties must use their best efforts to respond within two business days.

Witnesses sponsoring testimony regarding the stipulation must attend the oral argument on November 2, 2009, and be prepared to respond to questions from the Commissioners.

Dated this 17th day of September, 2009, at Salem, Oregon.

Sarah K. Wallace

Administrative Law Judge

Lisa D. Hardie

Administrative Law Judge