

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: March 22, 2016

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE March 23, 2016

DATE: March 3, 2016

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Judy Johnson *JJ*

THROUGH: *J* Jason Eisdorfer and *AK* Marc Hellman

SUBJECT: PACIFIC POWER: (Docket No. UM 1631) Requests Limited Waiver of Filing Deadline in OAR 860-027-0070(1).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend that Pacific Power's (Pacific or Company) request for a limited waiver of the filing deadline in OAR 860-027-0070(1) from May 1, 2016 to May 31, 2016, be approved.

ISSUE:

Whether the Commission should waive the May 1 filing deadline for Pacific's Annual Reports under OAR 860-027-0000(2), which authorizes the Commission to waive the requirement for good cause shown.

APPLICABLE LAWS:

Under OAR 860-027-0070(1), Pacific must file an "Annual Report" with the Commission each year by May 1. Under OAR 860-027-0000(1), the Commission may waive the requirement to file the Annual Report by May 1 for good cause shown.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS:

OAR 860-027-0070(1) requires electric, gas, water, and steam utilities to file their Annual Reports by May 1 of each year. Pacific requests an alternative filing deadline of May 31, 2016. The Company states that this extension is necessary to allow sufficient time to process the data necessary to produce the reports in each of the Company's state jurisdictions.

In 2014, the Commission changed its rules to make all annual reports and results of operations filed by electric and gas companies due on the same date, which was May 1. All utilities agreed to this date except Pacific. The Company indicated that it would be unable to get the reports completed until May 31. Staff decided that rather than write an exception into the rule for Pacific, the Company would be required to file for a waiver each year. Staff anticipates that a waiver filing from Pacific will be an annual event.

The Commission Staff has examined the petition and believes there is good cause to waive the May 1 deadline. The Company does need the extra time requested. Staff recommends that the Commission grant Pacific's request.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve Pacific Power's request for a limited waiver of the filing deadline from May 1, 2016 to May 31, 2016.