


PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: February 9, 2016

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE February 13, 2016

DATE: January 25, 2016

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Judy Johnson 

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer and Marc Hellman 

SUBJECT: PACIFIC POWER: (Docket No. ADV 196/Advice No. 16-01)
Housekeeping filing clarifying Oregon Rule 8, General Rules and
Regulations – Metering.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve Pacific Power's (Pacific or Company) housekeeping filing clarifying Oregon Rule 8, General Rules and Regulations – Metering in Advice No. 16-01 effective on and after February 13, 2016.

ISSUE:

The purpose of this filing is to clarify that “multiple residential units where the units do not have permanent facilities for sleeping, bathing and cooking, which are supplied through a common meter, may not be sub-metered and will be classified as nonresidential service.”

APPLICABLE RULES AND LAWS:

Under ORS 757.205, et seq., public utilities must file proposed changes to rates, schedules, rules or regulations with the Commission. OAR 860-022-0025 specifies that such filings shall plainly indicate the proposed change, the number of customers affected by the proposed change and the resulting change in revenue, including a detailed statement setting forth the reasons or grounds relied upon in support of the proposed charge.

ANALYSIS:

Pacific proposes to modify its rule regarding metering to align its rule with the building code definition of sleeping units and the Oregon Building Codes Division, Chief Building Official's determination that sleeping units are not subject to the individual metering requirements that dwelling units are subject to by adding the underlined language to its Rule 8:

Service to multi-unit residential buildings where residency is permanent in nature and constructed subsequent to January 1, 1979, shall be provided only if it is possible for Company to directly meter and bill the occupant of each dwelling unit, where the units contain permanent facilities for sleeping, bathing, and cooking. Multiple residential units where the units do not have permanent facilities for sleeping, bathing and cooking, which are supplied through a common meter, may not be sub-metered and will be classified as nonresidential service.

Since trailers and house boats have permanent facilities for sleeping, bathing and cooking, they will continue to be subject to individual metering, along with homes and other dwelling units. Additionally, this change eliminates the use of sub-meters for master-metered sleeping units.

Staff's Recommendation

Staff reviewed Pacific's filing and is satisfied that the Company has made an appropriate change to Rule 8 and that its filing satisfies the Commission's requirements.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

The Commission approve Pacific's Advice No. 16-01 to be effective on and after February 13, 2016.