# Oregon Public Utility Commission

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COMPANY NAME: PacifiCorp
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January 27, 2022

### VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Public Utility Commission of Oregon Attention: Filing Center 201 High Street SE, Suite 100 Salem, OR 97301-3398

RE: RE 185—PacifiCorp's COVID-19 Costs, Savings, and Benefits Quarterly Report—Q4 2021

In compliance with the Stipulated Agreement on the Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Energy Utility Customers approved by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) in Order No. 20-401, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power (PacifiCorp or Company) submits this quarterly report itemizing the Company's costs, savings, and benefits resulting from COVID-19. The Company believes it is most meaningful to provide the information for the cumulative period of March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021, rather than only the quarter ended December 31, 2021.

## **Bad Debt Expense**

The Company is specifically tracking bad debt expense (FERC account 904). The Company calculates a provision for estimated bad debt expense on a monthly basis using historical write-offs (net of recoveries) as a percentage of the respective aging bucket. Those percentages are then applied to current aging buckets. The results of this monthly provision exercise, coupled with actual write-offs and recoveries, represents total bad debt expense. The Company estimates that Oregon bad debt expense is \$1,778,311 higher for the period of March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021, than the amount collected in rates during that same time period due to the impacts of COVID-19. Please refer to Attachment A to this quarterly report for details.

## **Waived Late Fees**

The Company estimates it has waived approximately \$7 million of late fees for Oregon customers through December 31, 2021 using the methodology defined in the Stipulated Agreement.

### **Waived Reconnection Fees**

For the period of March 13, 2020 through December 31, 2020, the Company has waived \$238 in reconnection fees for Oregon Customers.

## **Bill Payment Assistance Funds**

PacifiCorp's COVID-19 bill payment assistance program started in the second quarter of 2021. The Company incurred \$10,819,673 in costs for this program through December 31, 2021.

## **Additional Costs and Savings**

The Company has identified the following additional costs and savings directly related to the Company's actions to ensure safe working conditions for employees (amounts are through December 31, 2021):

	<b>Total Company</b>	Oregon Allocated
Increased labor and facility	\$2,234,464	\$628,843
costs to enable social		
distancing		
Increased labor and facility	\$2,182,826	\$614,311
costs to enable social		
distancing		
Increased technology costs to	\$503,870	\$141,804
enable employees to work		
from home		
Reduced employee expenses	(\$13,282,818)	(\$3,738,173)
related to travel and training		·
CARES Act savings	(\$236,231)	(\$66,482)

It is respectfully requested that all formal data requests regarding this matter be addressed to:

By email (preferred): datarequest@pacificorp.com

By regular mail: Data Request Response Center

PacifiCorp

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Please direct any informal questions about this filing to Cathie Allen, Regulatory Affairs Manager, at (503) 813-5934.

Sincerely,

Shelley McCoy

Director, Regulation

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Enclosure

# ATTACHMENT A

#### Oregon Accounts Receivable Balances

	Sum of Days 0 to 30	Sum of Days 31 to		Sum of Days 91	Sum of Days 151		
	•	60	Sum of Days 61 to 90	to 150	to 270	Sum of > 270 Days	Total
12/31/2021	\$ 60,857,720.72	\$ 9,253,485.86	\$ 5,504,844.83	\$ 7,112,188.50	\$ 8,745,978.25	\$ 13,691,398.75	\$ 105,165,616.91
% of total	57.9%	8.8%	5.2%	6.8%	8.3%	13.0%	100%
12/31/2019	\$ 66,837,268.58	\$ 8,881,611.25	\$ 2,890,661.63	\$ 2,637,427.00	\$ 1,706,159.28	\$ 879,780.89	\$ 83,832,908.63
% of total	79.7%	10.6%	3.4%	3.1%	2.0%	1.0%	100%
e (Decrease) 2021 vs 2019	-8.9%	4.2%	90.4%	169.7%	412.6%	1456.2%	25.4%
Historic % of aging bucket							
written off	0.6%	3.0%	8.1%	19.7%	46.2%	44.0%	NA

#### Oregon Bad Debt Exense

2021	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total YTD
Bad Debt Provision	\$ 121,010	\$ 78,396	\$ 687,824	\$ 265,806	\$ 276,539	\$ 394,821	\$ 450,319	\$ 97,211	\$ 13,228	\$ (469,762)	\$ (83,145)	\$ (457,827)	\$ 1,374,420
Write-offs	408,425	529,284	558,004	413,834	396,503	460,712	519,153	593,312	721,458	875,319	476,563	635,892	\$ 6,588,459
Recoveries	(201,390)	(199,754)	(310,421)	(224,513)	(189,687)	(196,487)	(172,832)	(150,735)	(226,603)	(169,637)	(197,606)	(133,727)	\$ (2,373,392)
Oregon total Bad Debt Expense	\$ 328,045	\$ 407,926	\$ 935,407	\$ 455,127	\$ 483,355	\$ 659,046	\$ 796,640	\$ 539,788	\$ 508,083	\$ 235,920	\$ 195,812	\$ 44,338	\$ 5,589,487
YTD Revenue													\$ 1,256,400,000
Bad debt as a % of Revenue													0.44%
Average 2010 - 2019 (informational purposes)													0.43%

#### Oregon Bad Debt Exense

Mar - Dec
(months fully
impacted by
COVID)
Total Mar - Dec

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2020	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total YTD	Total Mar - Dec
Bad Debt Provision	\$ 123,1	47 \$ 71,63	\$ 762,598	\$ 287,910	\$ 748,225	\$ 444,218	\$ 887,564	\$ 390,913	\$ 494,325	\$ (221,472)	\$ 274,553	\$ (289,204)	\$ 3,974,411	\$ 3,779,630
Write-offs	573,1	35 482,60	700,468	491,885	377,436	529,639	693,693	626,627	526,424	378,407	340,567	356,150	\$ 6,077,033	\$ 5,021,296
Recoveries	(214,3	00) (243,47	(281,360)	(231,414)	(252,940)	(320,501)	(237,263)	(229,135)	(221,951)	(407,667)	(195,867)	(375,922)	\$ (3,211,796)	\$ (2,754,020)
Oregon total Bad Debt Expense	\$ 481,9	82 \$ 310,76	\$ 1,181,706	\$ 548,381	\$ 872,721	\$ 653,356	\$ 1,343,994	\$ 788,405	\$ 798,798	\$ (250,732)	\$ 419,253	\$ (308,976)	\$ 6,839,648	\$ 6,046,906
YTD Revenue													\$ 1,296,300,000	
Bad debt as a % of													0.53%	
Revenue													0.55%	

2019	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total YTD
Bad Debt Provision	\$ 236,602	\$ 311,514	\$ (22)	\$ 172,840	\$ 8,803	\$ (85,366)	\$ (192,401)	\$ (33,191)	\$ 202,420	\$ (820,676)	\$ (153,544)	\$ (44,159)	\$ (397,180)
YTD Write-offs													\$ 8,312,106
YTD Recoveries													\$ (2,777,036)
Oregon total Bad Debt													\$ 5,137,890
Expense													3 3,137,630
YTD Revenue													\$ 1,268,700,000
Bad debt as a % of													0.40%
Revenue													0.40%

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\$	6,556,153	Annual amount collected in rates in 2020
\$	5,463,461	Pro-rated 10 months (3/1 - 12/31)
\$	4,394,621	Annual amount collected in rates in 2021
\$	9,858,082	Total in rates
\$	11,636,393	Actual bad debt 3/1/20 - 12/31/2
\$	1,778,311	Incremental bad debt expense for