

January 6, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

RE: UM 2222(1)—PacifiCorp’s Application for Reauthorization of Deferred Accounting for Costs and Revenues Associated with Section 6 of House Bill 2021 and the Establishment of the Utility Community Benefits and Impacts Advisory Group

PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power submits for filing its Application for Reauthorization of Deferred Accounting for Costs and Revenues Associated with Section 6 of House Bill 2021 and the Establishment of the Utility Community Benefits and Impacts Advisory Group.

PacifiCorp respectfully requests that all communications related to this filing be addressed to:

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Portland, OR 97232
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Additionally, PacifiCorp requests that all formal information requests regarding this matter be addressed to:

By email (preferred): datarequest@pacificorp.com

By regular mail: Data Request Response Center
PacifiCorp
825 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 2000
Portland, OR 97232

Informal inquiries may be directed to Cathie Allen, Manager, Regulatory Affairs, at (503) 813-5934.

Sincerely,



Matthew McVee
Vice President, Regulatory Policy and Operations

Enclosures

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 2222(1)

In the Matter of

PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC POWER

Application for Approval of Deferred
Accounting for Costs and Revenues Associated
with Section 6 of House Bill 2021 and the
Establishment of the Utility Community
Benefits and Impacts Advisory Group

**APPLICATION FOR DEFERRED
ACCOUNTING**

I. INTRODUCTION

In accordance with Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 757.259(2)(e) and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 860-027-0300, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power (PacifiCorp or Company) submits this application to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) for an order reauthorizing deferred accounting to track the costs and revenues associated with Section 6 of House Bill (HB) 2021. PacifiCorp respectfully requests reauthorization of the deferred account for the 12 months beginning on January 6, 2023.

II. CONTACT INFORMATION

Communications regarding this application should be addressed to:

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III. BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF REQUEST

In July 2021, the Governor of Oregon signed into law HB 2021 effective September 25, 2021. Section 6 of HB 2021 requires an electric company that files a clean energy plan to establish a Utility Community Benefits and Impacts Advisory Group. Section 6 (3) further provides that:

The commission shall establish a process for an electric company to contemporaneously recover the cost associated with the development of biennial reports and the costs associated with compensation or reimbursement for time and travel of members of a Community Benefits and Impacts Advisory Group.

On January 6, 2022, PacifiCorp filed an application requesting authorization to defer the incremental costs and revenues associated with implementation and administration of Section 6 of HB 2021. The Commission approved the Company's deferral application on March 24, 2022, in Order No. 22-100, for the 12-months beginning January 6, 2022.

PacifiCorp will make a subsequent filing in 2023 for approval of a rate schedule and automatic adjustment clause to begin recovery of these costs.

In this application, PacifiCorp requests reauthorization to continue deferral of the incremental costs and revenues associated with implementation and administration of Section 6 of HB 2021 for the 12 months beginning January 6, 2023.

IV. OAR 860-027-0300(3) REQUIREMENTS

A. Description of Utility Expense

PacifiCorp plans to file a proposal in 2023 for recovery of the incremental costs operating and administering the efforts described in Section 6 of HB 2021. PacifiCorp plans to track the incremental costs for operating and administering this work in the deferral account along with the revenue received to fund the program.

B. Reasons for Deferral

As discussed above, PacifiCorp requests reauthorization to continue deferral of the incremental costs and revenues to implement and administer Section 6 of HB 2021. ORS 757.259(2)(e) allows the deferral of identifiable utility expenses in order to minimize the frequency of rate changes or the fluctuation of rate levels or to match appropriately the costs borne and benefits received by customers. Commission approval of PacifiCorp's application will support the use of an automatic adjustment clause and associated balancing account to track the costs and revenues from the program separate from PacifiCorp's other costs and revenues. Granting this application will minimize the frequency of rate changes and match appropriately the costs borne by, and benefits received by customers.

PacifiCorp's application is consistent with the Commission's previous approval of deferred accounting applications.

C. Proposed Accounting

If this application is approved, PacifiCorp would continue to record deferred amounts to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission account 182.3, Other Regulatory Assets. This account will accrue interest at the Commission-authorized rate for deferred accounts.

D. Estimate of Amounts

PacifiCorp is developing a plan for implementing this work. An estimated budget amount of \$510,893.28 has been calculated to include: Member Reimbursement, Member Participation Compensation, Third-Party Facilitation, Language and Accessibility services and travel. Oregon Tribal Nations engagement estimates have yet to be determined.

E. Notice

A copy of the Notice of Application and a list of persons served with the notice are attached as Exhibit A to this application.

V. OAR 860-027-0300(4) REQUIREMENTS

A. Entries in the Deferred Account to Date

Exhibit B of the Application provides the entries in the deferred account to date.

B. Reason for Continuation of Deferred Accounting

As discussed in this application, continuation of this deferral is necessary to track the incremental costs and revenues to implement and administer Section 6 of HB 2021.

VI. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, in accordance with ORS 757.259(2)(e), PacifiCorp respectfully requests reauthorization for a deferred account beginning on January 6, 2023, to track the incremental costs and revenues for associated with Section 6 of HB 2021.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of January 2023.

By: *Carla Scarsella*
Carla Scarsella
Deputy General Counsel

Attorney for PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power

Exhibit A

Notice of Application

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE

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**NOTICE OF
APPLICATION FOR DEFERRED
ACCOUNTING**

On January 6, 2023, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power (PacifiCorp or Company) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) for an order authorizing deferred accounting to track the costs and revenues associated with Section 6 of House Bill 2021 and the Establishment of the Utility Community Benefits and Impacts Advisory Group. The authorization will not authorize a change in rates but will permit the Commission to consider allowing such deferred amounts in rates in a subsequent proceeding. To obtain a copy of the application, contact the following:

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Portland, OR 97232
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Any person may submit written comments to the Commission regarding the application within 25 days of the date of this filing.

Respectfully submitted on January 6, 2023.

By: 
Carla Scarsella
Deputy General Counsel

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I delivered a true and correct copy of **PacifiCorp's Notice of Application for Deferred Accounting in docket UM 2222(1)** on the parties listed below via electronic mail in compliance with OAR 860-001-0180.

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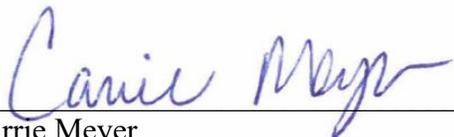

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Exhibit B

Entries in the Deferred Account to Date

**OR Utility Community Advisory Group
187309**

Docket No UM 2222

Period	Beginning Balance	Deferred Costs	Accrued Interest	Ending Balance
May-22	\$ -	\$ 108.93	\$ 0.33	\$ 109.26
Jun-22	\$ 109.26	\$ 3,575.77	\$ 11.28	\$ 3,696.31
Jul-22	\$ 3,696.31	\$ 5,166.57	\$ 37.35	\$ 8,900.23
Aug-22	\$ 8,900.23	\$ 4,560.99	\$ 66.50	\$ 13,527.72
Sep-22	\$ 13,527.72	\$ 1,644.29	\$ 85.35	\$ 15,257.35
Oct-22	\$ 15,257.35	\$ 1,253.17	\$ 94.47	\$ 16,604.99
Nov-22	\$ 16,604.99	\$ 60,718.01	\$ 279.32	\$ 77,602.32
YTD TOTAL		\$ 77,027.73	\$ 574.59	