

December 28, 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(2)—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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Additionally, PacifiCorp requests that all formal information requests regarding this matter be addressed to:

By email (preferred): [datarequest@pacificorp.com](mailto:datarequest@pacificorp.com)

By regular mail: Data Request Response Center  
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Portland, OR 97232

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

Sincerely,



Matthew McVee  
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Enclosures

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

**UM 2222(2)**

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  
REAUTHORIZATION OF  
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, 2024.

**II. CONTACT INFORMATION**

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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.

On January 6, 2023, PacifiCorp filed for 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. The Commission approved the Company's deferral application on March 23, 2023, in Order No. 23-215.

On February 17, 2023, PacifiCorp filed Advice No. 23-004 to update Schedule 291, System Benefits Charge (Schedule 291), to include recovery of the incremental costs associated with implementation and administration of the Company's Community Benefits

and Impacts Advisory Group required in Section 6 of HB 2021. The Commission adopted Staff's recommendation to approve the filing at the March 21, 2023, public meeting.

#### **IV. DEFERRAL OF COSTS**

PacifiCorp respectfully requests reauthorization under ORS 757.259(2)(e) 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, 2024. As required by OAR 860-027-0300(3) and (4), PacifiCorp provides the following:

##### **A. Description of Utility Expense**

The expenses included in this deferral are the incremental costs for implementing and administering Section 6 of HB 2021 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 continued 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. The estimated budget also includes third party facilitation for Oregon Tribal Nations engagement.

**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.

**E. Entries in the Deferred Account to Date**

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

**F. 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.

**V. CONCLUSION**

For the reasons set forth above, in accordance with ORS 757.259(2)(e), PacifiCorp respectfully requests reauthorization for a deferred account for the 12 months beginning January 6, 2024, to track the incremental costs and revenues for associated with Section 6 of HB 2021.

Respectfully submitted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.

By:   
Carla Scarsella  
Deputy General Counsel

Attorney for PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power

## **Exhibit A**

### Notice of Application

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON  
UM 2222(2)**

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

**NOTICE OF  
APPLICATION FOR  
REAUTHORIZATION OF  
DEFERRED ACCOUNTING**

On December 28, 2023, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power (PacifiCorp or Company) filed an application with 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 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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825 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 2000  
Portland, OR 97232  
Email: [oregondockets@pacificorp.com](mailto:oregondockets@pacificorp.com)

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

Respectfully submitted on December 28, 2023.

By:

  
Carla Scarsella  
Deputy General Counsel

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of **PacifiCorp's Notice of Application for Reauthorization of Deferred Accounting** was served on the parties listed below via electronic mail in compliance with OAR 860-001-0180.

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Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.



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Santiago Gutierrez  
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## **Exhibit B**

**OR Utility Community Advisory Group**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Deferral</b>	<b>Sch 291 Collections</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
<b>Dec-22</b>	77,602.32	6,368.36		480.48	84,451.16
<b>Jan-23</b>	84,451.16	4,850.44		514.67	89,816.27
<b>Feb-23</b>	89,816.27	13,607.93		572.39	103,996.59
<b>Mar-23</b>	103,996.59	11,098.85		648.97	115,744.41
<b>Apr-23</b>	115,744.41	73,414.51	(46,715.74)	764.77	143,207.96
<b>May-23</b>	143,207.96	39,519.11	(41,829.35)	841.54	141,739.26
<b>Jun-23</b>	141,739.26	36,534.75	(42,780.68)	821.19	136,314.52
<b>Jul-23</b>	136,314.52	29,997.55	(47,098.64)	756.90	119,970.32
<b>Aug-23</b>	119,970.32	107,255.91	(51,497.43)	875.89	176,604.69
<b>Sep-23</b>	176,604.69	11,952.79	(45,459.33)	946.99	144,045.13
<b>Oct-23</b>	144,045.13	33,757.82	(40,526.72)	833.30	138,109.53
<b>Nov-23</b>	138,109.53	16,084.78	(45,798.22)	730.17	109,126.26
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 384,442.80</b>	<b>\$ (361,706.12)</b>	<b>\$ 8,787.25</b>	