

January 6, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

RE: UM___—PacifiCorp’s Application for Approval of Deferred Accounting for Costs and Revenues Associated with House Bill 2475 Energy Affordability Act

PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power submits for filing its Application for Approval of Deferred Accounting for Costs and Revenues Associated with House Bill 2475 Energy Affordability Act.

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

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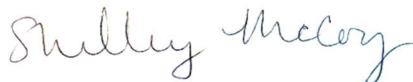
Additionally, PacifiCorp requests that all formal information requests regarding this matter be addressed to:

By email (preferred): datarequest@pacificorp.com

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

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

Sincerely,



Shelley McCoy
Director, Regulation

Enclosures

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC POWER

Application for Approval of Deferred
Accounting for Costs and Revenues Associated
with House Bill 2475 Energy Affordability Act

**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 authorizing deferred accounting to track the costs and revenues associated with House Bill (HB) 2475 Energy Affordability Act. PacifiCorp will make a subsequent filing in 2022 for approval of a rate schedule and automatic adjustment clause to begin recovery of these costs.

II. NOTICE

Communications regarding this application should be addressed to:

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III. BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF REQUEST

In May 2021, the Governor of Oregon signed into law HB 2475, the Energy Affordability Act. This bill amends ORS 757.230 (1) to provide that utilities may take into account the “differential energy burdens on low-income customers and other economic, social equity or environmental justice factors that affect affordability for certain classes of utility customers” when designing rates and provides utilities with the opportunity to offer a bill discount to income-qualified eligible residential customers. PacifiCorp plans to file a proposal for providing a low-income bill discount program to eligible residential customers in 2022.

PacifiCorp requests authorization to defer the incremental costs and revenues associated with implementation and administration of HB 2475 for the 12-month period commencing on January 6, 2022.

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

A. Description of Utility Expense

PacifiCorp plans to file a proposal for providing a low-income bill discount to eligible residential customers in 2022. PacifiCorp plans to track the incremental costs for operating and administering the bill discount program in the deferral account along with the revenue received to fund the program.

B. Reasons for Deferral

As discussed above, PacifiCorp requests authorization to defer the incremental costs and revenues to implement and administer HB 2475. 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 proposes 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 currently working on the design of the low-income bill assistance program and developing an administrative budget. An estimate of the total expected deferral is not known at this time.

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. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, in accordance with ORS 757.259(2)(e), PacifiCorp respectfully requests authorization for a deferred account beginning on January 6, 2022, to track the incremental costs and revenues for associated with HB 2475.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of January, 2022.

By: *Carla Scarsella*

Carla Scarsella
Deputy General Counsel

Attorney for PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power

Exhibit A

Notice of Application

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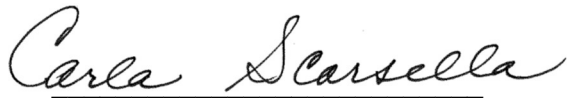
**NOTICE OF
APPLICATION FOR DEFERRED
ACCOUNTING**

On January 6, 2022, 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 House Bill 2475 Energy Affordability Act. 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
Email: 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 January 6, 2022.

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 AUTHORIZATION OF DEFERRED ACCOUNTING** on the parties listed below via electronic mail in compliance with OAR 860-001-0180.

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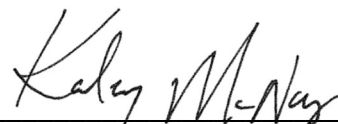
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