

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: March 19, 2024**

REGULAR **CONSENT** **EFFECTIVE DATE** April 1, 2024

DATE: March 8, 2024

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Mitchell Moore

THROUGH: Bryan Conway, Marc Hellman, and Matt Muldoon **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: PACIFIC POWER:
(Docket No. ADV 1596 / Advice No. 24-003)
Requests Cancellation of Schedule 198 – Deer Creek Mine Deferred
Amounts Adjustment

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission approve Pacific Power's (PacifiCorp or Company) Advice No. 24-003, requesting the cancellation of Schedule 198 – Deer Creek Mine Deferred Amounts Adjustment, with an effective date of April 1, 2024.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve Advice No. 24-003, PacifiCorp's request to cancel its Schedule 198 – Deer Creek Mine Deferred Amounts Adjustment.

Applicable Law

ORS 757.205 requires public utilities file to all rates, rules, and charges with the Commission.

ORS 757.210 establishes a hearing process to address utility filings and requires rates be fair, just, and reasonable.

ORS 757.220 provides that no change shall be made in any schedule, except upon 30 days' notice to the Commission prior to the time the changes are to take effect.

OAR 860-022-0025 requires that filings revising tariffs include statements showing the change in rates, the number of customers affected and resulting change in annual revenue, and the reasons for the tariff revision.

Analysis

Schedule 198 was originally approved by the Commission in Order No. 20-473 and went into effect on January 1, 2021. The purpose of the schedule was to recover deferred amounts associated with the closure of the Deer Creek Mine.

The Company states in its filing, made on February 26, 2024, that the deferred balance has been collected. The remaining residual balance will be transferred to the residual deferral account as authorized by the Commission in Order No. 10-279.

This filing requests to cancel Schedule 198. The overall rate impact as a result, is a decrease of approximately \$2.2 million or 0.1 percent. This proposed change will affect approximately 627,000 customers. The average residential customer using 950 kilowatt-hours per month would see a monthly bill decrease of \$0.14.

Staff issued data requests to confirm the total amount collected through this schedule, and the remaining amount to be transferred to the residual deferral account.

Conclusion

After reviewing the Company's filing and associated workpaper, Staff supports PacifiCorp's request to cancel Schedule 198 and recommends that the Commission approve PacifiCorp's Advice No. 24-003 for service rendered on and after April 1, 2024.

The Company has reviewed this memo and stated no objection.

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PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve Pacific Power's (PacifiCorp or Company) Advice No. 24-003, requesting the cancellation of Schedule 198 – Deer Creek Mine Deferred Amounts Adjustment, with an effective date of April 1, 2024.

PAC ADV 1596, Advice 24-003 Cancel Schedule 198