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RE: Advice No. 24-003

At the public meeting on March 19, 2024, the Commission adopted Staff's recommendation in this matter docketed as ADV 1596. The Staff Report and a receipted copy of the sheets in your advice filing are attached.

Nolan Moser

Chief Administrative Law Judge Public Utility Commission of Oregon

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

REGULAR ____ CONSENT X 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.

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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.

<u>Analysis</u>

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



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Purpose

This schedule recovers deferred amounts associated with the Deer Creek Mine closure as authorized by the commission in Order 20-473.

Monthly Billing

All bills calculated in accordance with Schedules contained in this tariff will have applied an amount equal to the product of all kWh multiplied by the following applicable rate as listed by Delivery Service schedule.

Delivery Service Schedule

Schedule 4, per kWh	0.015¢
Schedule 5, per kWh	0.015¢
Schedule 15, per kWh	0.006¢
Schedule 23, 723, per kWh	0.014¢
Schedule 28, 728, per kWh	0.014¢
Schedule 30, 730, per kWh	0.014¢
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This schedule will terminate when ordered amounts have been fully recovered.

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