

December 28, 2012

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Oregon Public Utility Commission 550 Capitol Street NE, Ste 215 Salem, OR 97301-2551

Attn: Filing Center

RE: PacifiCorp's Application for Deferred Accounting of Revenues Related to Open Access Transmission Tariff

PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power submits for filing an original and five copies of its Application for Deferred Accounting of Revenues Related to Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT).

It is respectfully requested that all formal data requests to the Company regarding this filing be addressed to the following:

By e-mail (preferred): <u>datarequest@pacificorp.com</u>

By regular mail: Data Request Response Center

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PacifiCorp

825 NE Multnomah, Suite 2000

Portland, OR 97232

Please direct any informal inquiries to Danny Kermode, Regulatory Affairs Manager, at (503) 813-6583.

Sincerely,

William R. Griffith

Vice President, Regulation

Enclosures

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

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In the Matter of

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PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC POWER

Application for Deferred Accounting of Revenues Related to Open Access Transmission Tariff.

APPLICATION FOR DEFERRED ACCOUNTING

I. INTRODUCTION

- 2 In accordance with ORS 757.259(2)(e) and OAR 860-027-0300, PacifiCorp d/b/a
- 3 Pacific Power (Company) applies to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission)
- 4 for an order authorizing the Company to defer Oregon's allocated share of any incremental
- 5 Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) revenue associated with the Company's pending
- 6 transmission rate case, Docket No. ER11-3643, at the Federal Energy Regulatory
- 7 Commission (FERC). As part of the partial stipulation approved in Order No. 12-493 in the
- 8 Company's 2012 general rate case (Docket UE 246), the Company agreed to file an
- 9 application to defer any incremental OATT revenues not reflected in the rates adopted by the
- 10 Commission in Docket UE 246.

II. NOTICE

12 Communications regarding this application should be addressed to:

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825 NE Multnomah St., Suite 2000

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¹ In the Matter of PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power Request for a General Rate Revision, Docket No. UE 246, Order No. 12-493 (December 20, 2012).

1	In addition, the Company requests that all data requests regarding this application be			
2	sent to the following:			
3	By email (preferred): <u>datarequest@pacificorp.com</u>			
4 5 6 7	By regular mail: Data Request Response Center PacifiCorp 825 NE Multnomah St., Suite 2000 Portland, OR 97232			
8	Informal questions may be directed to Danny Kermode, Regulatory Manager, at			
9	503-813-6583.			
10	III. BACKGROUND			
11	On May 26, 2011, PacifiCorp filed its pending rate case with FERC, including			
12	revisions to its OATT under section 205 of the Federal Power Act. In its filing, the Company			
13	sought to increase its annual transmission revenue requirement as well as rates for various			
14	ancillary services included in the OATT. FERC suspended the filing on August 8, 2011, and			
15	ordered that the requested rates be made effective December 25, 2011, subject to refund and			
16	established hearing and settlement procedures. As of the date of this filing, the Company's			
17	pending FERC rate case has not been resolved.			
18	On March 1, 2012, the Company filed its 2012 Oregon general rate case. One			
19	component used in calculating the Company's requested revenue increase was OATT			
20	revenues received from third parties, treated as an offset to revenue requirement for			
21	PacifiCorp's retail customers. The transmission rates used to calculate this revenue offset			
22	were established in accordance with a June 6, 1996 settlement of the Company's 1995 FERC			
23	transmission rate case, Docket No. ER96-8-000.			
24	A stipulation settling many of the issues in Docket UE 246 was filed with the			
25	Commission on July 12, 2012, and approved by the Commission on December 20, 2012.			

1 The partial stipulation included the Company's agreement to file for deferred accounting of

2 Oregon's allocated share of any incremental OATT revenue associated with the pending

3 FERC rate case not reflected in Docket UE 246. In addition, the partial stipulation indicated

4 that the allocated incremental OATT revenues would reflect revenues from all sources and

5 included an acknowledgment of the intent to credit any deferred amounts to customers until

6 the revenues are included in rates.² Deferral of any incremental revenues is appropriate

7 under ORS 757.259(2)(e) to better match revenue with other cost components included in the

rate effective period. Because the outcome of the pending FERC rate case is unknown, an

estimate of the deferred revenues cannot be determined at this time.

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If this deferred accounting application is approved, the deferred revenues will be recorded in FERC account 253 – Other Deferred Credits. If this application is denied, the revenues will be recorded in FERC account 456 – Other Electric Revenues.

VI. CONCLUSION

PacifiCorp respectfully requests that, in accordance with the partial stipulation adopted in Order No. 12-493 in Docket UE 246, the Commission authorize the Company to defer the Oregon-allocated share of any incremental OATT revenue resulting from the resolution of the Company's FERC rate case beginning on January 1, 2013, the date rates adopted in Docket UE 246 become effective, and continuing until the revenues are included in rates.

Respectfully submitted this 28th day of December, 2012.

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By:

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Senior Counsel

PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power

² Order No. 12-493, Appendix A at ¶ 13.

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DEFERRED ACCOUNTING

On December 28, 2012, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) for an order authorizing the Company to defer Oregon's allocated share of any incremental Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) revenues associated with the Company's pending rate case at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Docket No. ER11-3673-000) beginning January 1, 2013, and continuing until the revenues are included in rates. To obtain a copy the application, contact the following: Oregon Dockets

825 NE Multnomah, Suite 2000 Portland, OR 97232

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E-mail: oregondockets@pacificorp.com

Any person may submit written comments to the Commission regarding the application by January 23, 2013.

Respectfully submitted on December 28, 2012.

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PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power

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