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

Attn: Filing Center

# RE: UM 1483(6)/UE 334 – Schedule 204 - Oregon Solar Incentive Program Deferral Supply Service Adjustment - REVISED

In compliance with ORS 757.205, OAR 860-022-0025, OAR 860-022-0030, and ORS 757.210, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power provides to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) the following information regarding Schedule 204 Oregon Solar Incentive Program Deferral Supply Service Adjustment (Schedule 204), of the company's Tariff P.U.C. OR No. 36, which sets forth all rates, tolls, charges, rules, and regulations applicable to electric service in the State of Oregon.

The purpose of this filing is to revise the information supporting PacifiCorp's request to amortize deferred amounts previously made in this docket.

On November 1, 2017, PacifiCorp requested approval to amortize the deferral balance relating to docket UM 1483(6) associated with PacifiCorp's costs for the Oregon Solar Incentive Program (OSIP) deferred during the twelve months ended September 30, 2017.<sup>1</sup> As stated in the filing, PacifiCorp has reviewed and revised rates for this purpose annually; the last filing was effective January 1, 2017.<sup>2</sup> In addition, PacifiCorp stated that it had deferred approximately \$4.6 million, excluding interest, for the twelve months ended September 30, 2017. The deferral included costs for program administration, incentive payments, and meter costs. The total deferral balance also reflects offsetting credits for customer charges and an avoided energy value. Because the proposed change to the annual collection amount already in rates is minimal, PacifiCorp propriate to collect the new amortization amount for 2018.

During its review, Commission staff indicated that the recovery of capital costs through a deferral balance was the subject of a new investigation in docket UM 1909. In PacifiCorp's initial filing, capital costs of \$860 were included in the deferral account. Staff requested, and PacifiCorp agreed, to remove the \$860 from the filing in light of the open investigation in docket

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> UM 1483(6) was filed on May 18, 2016, and was approved at the Public Meeting on November 25, 2016.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Advice No. 10-022 was approved at the December 28, 2010, Public Meeting. Advice No. 11-019 was approved at the December 20, 2011, Public Meeting. Advice No. 12-019 was approved at the January 29, 2013, Public Meeting. Advice No. 13-019 was approved at the Public Meeting on January 21, 2014; Advice No. 14-012 was approved at the Public Meeting on December 16, 2014; continuation of amortization at the rates set in Advice No. 14-012 was approved at the Public Meeting on January 26, 2016; Advice 16-014 was approved at the Public Meeting on December 20, 2016.

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UM 1909.<sup>3</sup> The resulting change in PacifiCorp's proposed amount to recover for OSIP is minimal, with the total to be collected virtually the same as the original filing. Supporting workpapers will be sent to the Commission's workpaper electronic mailbox.

The total amount requested to be amortized in 2018 is \$4.5 million with interest and net of the previous year's residual balance, which is a 0.01 percent decrease compared to the \$4.7 million currently in rates (approved for collection in 2017 in Advice No. 16-014). Due to the minimal change in the balance to be amortized, PacifiCorp believes the current rates in Schedule 204 are appropriate to collect the new amortization amount for 2018. PacifiCorp proposes to leave the current Schedule 204 rates in effect for 2018 and proposes no change to the tariff at this time. Attachment A provides a comparison of the Schedule 204 revenues for 2018 under present rates to the amount to be amortized in 2018.

As PacifiCorp has previously stated, the earnings test set forth in ORS 757.259(5) is not applicable to the requested deferral amortization because PacifiCorp applied for deferral under ORS 757.365(1) or, in the alternative, ORS 469A.120,<sup>4</sup> neither of which subject deferral amortization to the three percent cap set forth in ORS 757.259(6). However, the requested deferral amortization is less than three percent of the company's earnings, as required by ORS 757.259(6). Thus, while PacifiCorp takes the position that the costs associated with this mandatory program are not subject to the three percent cap on amortization of deferred costs under ORS 757.259(6), the deferral amortization is, in fact, less than three percent of the company's earnings.

It is respectfully requested that all data requests regarding this matter be addressed to:

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All other inquiries may be directed to Natasha Siores, Manager, Regulatory Affairs, at (503) 813-6583.

Sincerely,

Etta Lockey Vice President, Regulation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The \$860 excludes interest during amortization; the total impact of this change on the original filing is a reduction of \$976, including interest.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> PacifiCorp also applied under the general deferral statute, ORS 757.259 in the event the Commission found that neither ORS 757.365 nor ORS 469A.120 provided grounds for deferral.

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I served a true and correct copy of PacifiCorp's Schedule 204 – Oregon Solar Incentive Program Deferral Supply Service Adjustment - REVISED, on the parties listed below via electronic mail delivery in compliance with OAR 860-001-0180.

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### Service List UM 1483

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

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# Attachment A

#### PACIFIC POWER STATE OF OREGON OREGON SOLAR INCENTIVE PROGRAM DEFERRAL ADJUSTMENT - SCHEDULE 204 FORECAST 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

					Present Schedu	ıle 204
ne		Sch	No. of		Rates	Revenues
0.	Description	No.	Cust	MWh	¢/kWh	\$
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
						(4)*(6)
R	esidential					
R	esidential	4	497,076	5,251,930	0.039	\$2,031,465
e To	otal Residential		497,076	5,251,930		\$2,031,465
<u>C</u>	ommercial & Industrial					
G	en. Svc. < 31 kW	23	80,346	1,124,848	0.037	\$415,876
G	en. Svc. 31 - 200 kW	28	10,280	2,014,081	0.038	\$763,909
i G	en. Svc. 201 - 999 kW	30	843	1,340,195	0.036	\$485,193
i La	arge General Service >= 1,000 kW	48	199	2,680,032	0.033	\$895,490
Pa	artial Req. Svc. >= 1,000 kW	47	7	59,851	0.033	\$19,998
A A	gricultural Pumping Service	41	9,622	220,060	0.037	\$82,363
) T	otal Commercial & Industrial		101,297	7,439,067		\$2,662,836
Li	ighting					
0 0	utdoor Area Lighting Service	15	6,414	9,243	0.029	\$2,724
1 St	treet Lighting Service	50	230	7,703	0.024	\$1,874
2 St	treet Lighting Service HPS	51	808	20,116	0.038	\$7,705
3 St	treet Lighting Service	52	35	403	0.029	\$118
4 St	treet Lighting Service	53	273	9,695	0.012	\$1,212
5 R	ecreational Field Lighting	54	105	1,479	0.022	\$319
6 <b>T</b>	otal Public Street Lighting		7,865	48,639		\$13,953
7 Ei	mployee Discount			16,436		(\$1,589
8 T	otal		606,238	12,739,636		\$4,706,665
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Difference	(\$180,693)
Percent of Net Revenues	-0.01%