

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: November 26, 2013

REGULAR  CONSENT  EFFECTIVE DATE  Not applicable

DATE: November 12, 2013

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Paul Rossow *PR*  
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THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer, Maury Galbraith, and Aster Adams *MEG* *aa*

SUBJECT: PACIFIC POWER: (Docket No. UM 1631) Request waiver of OAR 860-027-0005, 860-027-0015, 860-027-0045(3), and 860-027-0070(1).

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Commission approve Pacific Power's (Pacific Power or Company) request to waive the first day of November Budget of Expenditures Report filing date in OAR sections 860-027-0005, the December 31 New Construction Report filing date in 860-027-0015, the April 1 Results of Operation Report filing date in 860-027-0045(3), and the April 1 FERC Form 1 annual report filing date requirement in OAR 860-027-0070(1).

**DISCUSSION:**

**Budget of Expenditures Report**

On October 30, 2013, Pacific Power filed a request for a five-month extension of the filing date for its Budget of Expenditures Report. OAR 860-027-0005 states that "Each energy utility operating within Oregon and having gross operating revenues of \$50,000 or more per annum is required to file with the Commission on or before the first day of November of each year, a copy of its proposed Budget of Expenditures Report, on forms approved by the Commission."

**New Construction Budget Report**

In addition, the Company is requesting a three-month extension of the filing date for its New Construction Budget Report date. OAR 860-027-0015 states "Each energy utility

operating within Oregon is required to file annually on or before December 31 on forms approved by the Commission information on new construction, extensions, and additions to the utility's property."

Both the Budget of Expenditures Report and the New Construction Budget Report are based on the Company's calendar fiscal year and the budgets are not approved until mid-December. The approved budgets are then incorporated into the accounting system during the first quarter.

### **Oregon Results of Operations Report**

Additionally, the Company is requesting a one-month extension of the filing date for its Oregon Results of Operations Report. OAR 860-027-0045(3) states "Each electric company having multistate operations shall file annually with the Commission, on or before April 1 of the ensuing year, its Oregon allocated results of operations for the calendar year reported, on the basis of allocation methods acceptable to the Commission." Pacific Power needs approximately 120 days after the end of the calendar year to accurately reflect state allocated data using the approved inter-jurisdictional allocation factors.

### **FERC Form 1**

Finally, Pacific Power is requesting a two-month extension of the filing date for its FERC Form 1. OAR 860-027-0070(1) states "Annual Reports will be submitted by electric, gas, water, and steam heat utilities. The report shall be submitted on or before April 1, using the most current forms approved by the Commission." The Company needs enough time to process the data necessary to produce the reports in each of its state jurisdictions.

Staff has no concerns granting the Company's waiver request such that the Company files its 2014 Budget of Expenditures Report and 2014 New Construction Budget Report by March 31, 2014, its 2014 Oregon Results of Operation Report by April 30, 2014, and its 2014 FERC Form 1 by May 31, 2014. While the extension for the 2014 Budget of Expenditures Report should have been approved prior to November 1, 2013, Staff has been in direct contact with the utility on this matter. In addition, approving this waiver request will not impact the Company or its customers.

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**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

Pacific Power's request for a waiver of OAR 860-027-0005, 860-027-0015, 860-027-0045(3), and 860-027-0070(1) be granted.

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