

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: April 14, 2015

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE April 15, 2015

DATE: March 20, 2015

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Judy Johnson 

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer and Marc Hellman 

SUBJECT: PACIFIC POWER: (Docket No. UM 1631) Requests Limited Waiver of Filing Deadline in OAR 860-027-0070(1).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend that Pacific Power's (Pacific or Company) request for a limited waiver of the filing deadline in OAR 860-027-0070(1) from May 1, 2015 to May 31, 2015 be approved.

DISCUSSION:

Pacific filed this petition with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) under OAR 860-027-0000(2), which allows the Commission to waive application of a Division 027 rule "for good cause shown." OAR 860-027-0070(1) requires electric, gas, water, and steam utilities to file their Annual Reports by May 1 of each year. Pacific mistakenly used the filing date of April 1 in its application, which appeared in an older version of the rule. Nevertheless, Pacific requests an alternative filing deadline of May 31, 2015. The Company states that this extension is necessary to allow sufficient time to process the data necessary to produce the reports in each of the Company's state jurisdictions.

In 2014, the Commission changed its rules to make all annual reports and results of operations filed by electric and gas companies due on the same date, which was May 1. All utilities agreed to this date except PacifiCorp. The Company indicated that it would be unable to get the reports completed until May 31. Staff decided that rather than write an exception into the rule for PacifiCorp, the Company would be required to file for a waiver each year. Staff anticipates that a waiver filing from PacifiCorp will be an annual event.

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The Commission Staff has examined the petition and believes Pacific does need the extra time requested. Staff recommends that the Commission grant Pacific request.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Pacific Power's request for additional time until May 31, 2015, be approved.

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