ISSUED: December 8, 2004

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

UE 170

In the Matter of the Request of	)	
PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT	)	PREHEARING CONFERENCE
(dba PacifiCorp)	)	MEMORANDUM
Request for a General Rate Increase in the	)	
Company's Oregon Annual Revenues.	)	

On December 7, 2004, a prehearing conference was held in Salem, Oregon. The primary purpose of the prehearing conference was to establish a procedural schedule for the docket.

Appearances were entered as follows: David B. Hatton appeared on behalf of Oregon Public Utility Commission (Commission) Staff; Katherine McDowell and Paul M. Wrigley appeared on behalf of PacifiCorp; Jason Eisdorfer appeared on behalf of the Citizens Utility Board (CUB); Melinda Davison appeared on behalf of the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) and the Klamath Off Project Water Users; Edward A. Finklea appeared on behalf of the Klamath Water Users Association; Jim Abrahamson appeared on behalf of the Community Action Directors of Oregon (CADO) and the Oregon Energy Coordinators Association (OECA); and Jim Deason participated by telephone on his own behalf.

## **Procedural Schedule**

The parties agreed to, and I adopted, the following procedural schedule, as follows:

Petitions to intervene due	January 7, 2005
Proposed budgets for issue fund grants due	January 28, 2005
Public comment hearings	TBD
PacifiCorp submits GRID update	March 15, 2005
Staff and intervenors file settlement proposals	March 29, 2005
Settlement conferences <sup>1</sup>	April 5, 2005 and April 6, 2005

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For the convenience of parties, settlement conference dates agreed to at the prehearing conference are included in the schedule set forth in this memorandum, but settlement conferences are not official

	April 8, 2005 and April 11, 2005
Staff and intervenors file testimony	May 5, 2005
PacifiCorp files rebuttal testimony	May 31, 2005
Staff and intervenors file surrebuttal testimony	June 21, 2005
PacifiCorp files sursurrebuttal testimony	July 8, 2005
Hearing (details TBD)	Week of July 18, 2005 <sup>2</sup>
Briefing schedule	TBD
Oral argument <sup>3</sup>	TBD
PacifiCorp files GRID update <sup>4</sup>	October 7, 2005
PacifiCorp files GRID update	November 4, 2005
PacifiCorp files final GRID update <sup>5</sup>	November 14, 2005

The dates for filing are considered "in hand" dates.

Parties also agreed to the following rules regarding discovery: 1) Parties agree to avoid, but not prohibit, serving data requests on parties preparing testimony; 2) After June 21, 2005 (the date Staff and intervenors file surrebuttal testimony), parties agree to a seven business day response period to data requests.

PacifiCorp also agreed to submit an electronic copy of its filing that could be posted electronically.

I refer the parties to the Administrative Hearings Procedures for contested case proceedings, located at **www.puc.state.or.us** under the heading "Commission Overview."

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2004, at Salem, Oregon.

Traci A. G. Kirkpatrick
Administrative Law Judge

procedural schedule dates that are adopted by the Commission. Parties may change the date of, or cancel, a settlement conference without authorization from the Commission.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The main hearing room has been reserved for the entire week.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The parties anticipate oral argument during the week of August 22, 2005.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Parties anticipate that the Commission will enter an order during the week of September 12, 2005.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Parties anticipate that new Net Variable Power Costs for PacifiCorp will be effective on January 2, 2006.