

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 1802

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF  
OREGON,

Investigation to Examine PacifiCorp, dba  
Pacific Power's Non-Standard Avoided  
Cost Pricing.

RULING

**DISPOSITION: SCHEDULE SUSPENDED; PARTIES DIRECTED TO  
RESPOND TO MOTION**

In light of PacifiCorp's motion seeking revisions to the procedural schedule, including changes to events scheduled for tomorrow, I am suspending the schedule and providing other parties the opportunity to file responses to PacifiCorp's motion by July 7, 2017.

The events leading up to this ruling began on June 27, 2017, when counsel for PacifiCorp called the Administrative Hearings Division to request a prehearing conference on an expedited basis to discuss the need for an amendment to the procedural schedule. A prehearing conference was preliminary arranged for today, June 29, 2017.

On June 28, 2017, I called PacifiCorp's counsel and advised him that while I could not discuss the substantive matters that might support a schedule change, the proper approach to seek an amendment to the schedule would be for PacifiCorp to consult with the other parties and to file a motion as appropriate. I also explained that the motion could request that a prehearing conference be arranged. I indicated that I would not cancel the tentative prehearing conference until I again heard from PacifiCorp in case parties desired to immediately address the issues.

Later that day, PacifiCorp filed a motion asking that the procedural schedule be amended to extend the due date from June 30, 2017 to July 21, 2017 for response testimony to be filed by all parties. The motion indicates that PacifiCorp desires to modify its original proposal due to changed circumstances and new policy considerations recently discovered while preparing its response testimony.<sup>1</sup> PacifiCorp requests additional time, therefore, to prepare response testimony that will likely modify its initial proposal.

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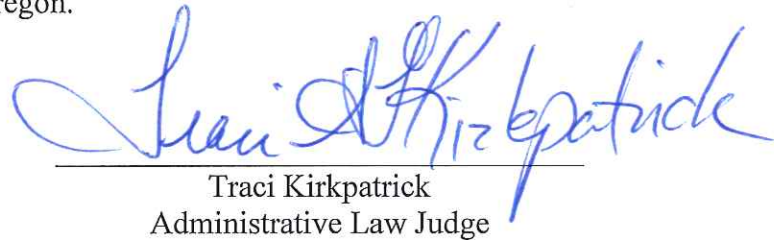
<sup>1</sup> PacifiCorp explains that the company's initial proposal, submitted prior to the company's IRP, did not contemplate a scenario where an IRP identified a cost-effective renewable resource. Subsequently, however, PacifiCorp's 2017 IRP did identify a cost-effective renewable resource, and PacifiCorp asserts that this new circumstances "implicates numerous aspects of the Commission's avoided cost pricing policies." UM 1802—PacifiCorp's Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule at 3.

Although PacifiCorp acknowledges that more schedule changes might be necessary, the motion does not ask for them, nor does it address the scope of other parties' response testimony. Instead, PacifiCorp asks for a prehearing conference to be scheduled after PacifiCorp files response testimony on July 21, 2017, to provide an opportunity for all parties to discuss schedule adjustments necessary to allow for discovery and additional rounds of testimony.

PacifiCorp states that it tried to consult with the parties prior to filing the motion, learning that the Renewable Energy Coalition (REC) did not oppose extending the deadline for response testimony, but did not want the hearing date to be moved beyond August. PacifiCorp also reported that the company did not reach agreement with the Community Renewable Energy Association on the procedural issues and was unable to confer with Commission Staff or the Oregon Department of Energy. PacifiCorp stated that the issues could be further discussed at the prehearing conference already set up for today.<sup>6</sup>

Upon receiving the motion today, I canceled the prehearing conference. Given the fact that a hearing is scheduled for August 9, 2017 in this docket, and because all parties should have a fully informed opportunity to be heard on both procedural and substantive issues, I suspend the procedural schedule in this proceeding. I ask the parties to confer with each other to determine if some agreement can be reached with regard to PacifiCorp's request. In the event that no resolution is reached, I ask parties to respond in writing to PacifiCorp's motion by July 7, 2017.

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017, at Salem, Oregon.



Traci Kirkpatrick  
Administrative Law Judge