## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

## OF OREGON

UM 1824

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON,

SCHEDULING MEMORANDUM

Investigation into PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power's Oregon-Specific Cost Allocation Issues.

DISPOSITION: ADDITIONAL PROCEEDINGS SET

At the September 26, 2017 Public Meeting, the Commission asked Staff and parties to continue working in this docket and report back within three months, possibly at the December 18, 2017 Public Meeting, with more details on their work.<sup>1</sup> The Commission also explained that it would provide specific scheduling details in a subsequent memo or notice, and this guidance is provided below.<sup>2</sup>

A party workshop is currently scheduled for October 25, 2017. In addition to their normal work of exploring an alternate Oregon-specific allocation proposal, Staff and the parties are asked to discuss PacifiCorp's request for clarification as to the goals and scope of this proceeding.<sup>3</sup> In a letter filed September 25, 2017, PacifiCorp suggests that any recommended allocation methodology for Oregon, if proposed, should include a thorough discussion of the impact of Senate Bill 1547, whether the proposal complies with Commission precedent and would result in just and reasonable rates, and address any legal impediment to a proposed allocation methodology. PacifiCorp also requests clarification that the scope of this proceeding does not include revisiting the Commission's approval of the 1989 merger of PacifiCorp and Utah Power & Light.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Order No. 17-374 (Sep 28, 2017).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> At the September 26, 2017 Public Meeting, the Commission also stated that it would like PacifiCorp to provide, at a future public meeting, an update on its multi-state process (MSP) negotiations and proposals, currently docketed in UM 1050. The Commission will issue a separate notice for that update.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> PacifiCorp's Response Comments to Staff's Recommendations (Sep 25, 2017).

At the workshop, Staff and the parties should discuss whether the issues raised by PacifiCorp should be considered now, or later in 2018. Staff is asked to report back to the Commission on these discussions at the November 7, 2017 Public Meeting. At that time, if the Commission seeks additional information on the parties' positions, the Commission may ask parties to file comments two weeks before the December 18, 2017 Public Meeting so that we may further consider how to provide guidance at that meeting when we will also hear an update on Staff's work.

Dated this 11th day of October, 2017, at Salem, Oregon.

Sarah Rowe

Administrative Law Judge