

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: April 28, 2015

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE April 29, 2015

DATE: April 21, 2015

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: George R. Compton *GRC*

THROUGH: *J* Jason Eisdorfer and *M* Marc Hellman

SUBJECT: PACIFIC POWER: (Docket No. ADV 20/Advice No. 15-006) Revises Schedule 215, Irrigation Time-of-Use Pilot, to increase its scale from 75 to 95 meter points of delivery.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve PacifiCorp's (Company's) proposed revisions to its Schedule 215, Irrigation Time-of-Use Pilot.

DISCUSSION:

At the March 24, 2015, Public Meeting, the Oregon Public Utility Commission approved Consent Agenda Item CA5, PacifiCorp Advice No. 15-003, proposing to revise Schedule 215, Irrigation Time-of-Use Pilot, for its second, and final, year. The first year of the pilot was disappointing insofar as, out of a target of 50, only six customers participated in the pilot – despite a keen interest by all parties in making electricity for agricultural pumping more affordable. With Advice No. 15-003, the Company proposed to increase the on-peak to off-peak price ratio and to set its participation target at 75 customers or meter points of delivery in the Klamath Falls area.

With its Advice No. 15-006 filing, PacifiCorp now requests to increase the target participation level by 20, i.e., to a total of 95. That total figure comprises the number who signed up to participate in the pilot following the Company's recent "additional outreach activities." Staff recommends that Schedule 215 be revised so as to accommodate all 95 Time-of-Use Pilot study applicants. In support of this recommendation, Staff notes that: (1) the Company is expensing the costs of the program and as such is not seeking separate recovery by customers; (2) the expected costs of the program, other than lost revenues, are modest, i.e., below \$50,000; (3) the

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levels of lost revenues and avoided costs are unclear as it is not yet known how customers will shift their usage; and, (4) increasing the number of participants to 95 will avoid turning away some of the potential participants.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

PacifiCorp's proposed revisions to its Schedule 215, Irrigation Time-of-Use Pilot, be approved, effective April 29, 2015.