

ITEM NO. 2

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: January 24, 2017

REGULAR CONSENT EFFECTIVE DATE _____

DATE: January 18, 2017

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Lance Kaufman 

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer and Marc Hellman 

SUBJECT: PACIFIC POWER: (Docket No. UE 307) Report on Jim Bridger coal supply planning workshop.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff has no recommendation at this time.

DISCUSSION:

In the final order of PacifiCorp's most recent net power cost proceeding, the Commission directed PacifiCorp, Staff and other parties to informally discuss PacifiCorp's coal supply planning process. Due to inclement weather, parties were unable to meet prior to the writing of this memo. Parties intend to meet on Friday, January 20, 2017 to satisfy this order. Staff will provide an oral report regarding this meeting at the public meeting on January 24, 2017.

Applicable Rule or Laws

Order No, 16-482 states:

"We direct PacifiCorp, Staff of the Oregon Public Utility Commission and the parties to informally meet and discuss (1) the information and analyses needed to meaningfully evaluate PacifiCorp's long-term fuel supply plan for the Jim Bridger coal units in future Transition Adjustment Mechanism (TAM) proceedings, as well as (2) whether additional information and analyses should be provided to Staff and the parties regarding PacifiCorp's fuel plans for any of its other coal-fired units, as discussed in the body of this order. We

direct Staff to report back to us on the results of those discussions, with any recommendations, at our January 24, 2017 Public Meeting.”¹

Analysis

Background

In Docket No. UE 307, PacifiCorp’s most recent net power cost proceeding, Staff, the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU), and the Citizens’ Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) raised concerns regarding PacifiCorp’s recent coal supply decisions. On December 20, 2016, the Commission issued Order No. 16-482. This order directed parties to hold informal discussions regarding PacifiCorp’s coal planning process, and directed Staff to report on the discussions and provide recommendations at the Commission’s January 24, 2017 Public Meeting. Due to holiday schedules, a meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2017. However, this meeting was canceled by PacifiCorp on January 11, 2016 due to inclement weather. The meeting was rescheduled for January 20, 2017.

As of the writing of this memo, parties have not met to discuss the issues. The parties anticipate meeting on January 20, 2017 to satisfy the Commission’s order. Staff plans to provide an oral report at the Commission’s January 24, 2017 Public Meeting.

PacifiCorp has reviewed this memo and has provided no objection.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

As of the writing of this memorandum, Staff proposes no motion.

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¹ *In re PacifiCorp*, OPUC Docket No. UE 307, Order No. 16-482 at 7 (Dec. 20, 2016).