



Introduction to PacifiCorp's General Rate Case and Power Cost Filings Melissa Nottingham, OPUC Staff – April 30, 2024

# Two PacifiCorp Filings: General Rate Case & TAM / Power Costs

### General Rate Case (GRC) Docket No. UE 433

- Cost recovery for:
  - Operations and Maintenance (O&M)
  - Building New Plant
  - Upgrading Existing Facilities
  - Insurance

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### Transition Adjustment Mechanism (TAM) Docket No. UE 434

- Pass thru power costs to customers
- Costs of buying:
  - Natural gas fuel for power plants
  - Electricity on wholesale market
- Market costs outside Co. control
- No Markup or Profit Allowed

## PacifiCorp Proposed Rate Case Changes

Customer Type	Average Usage/Month (kWh)	Current Bill	New Bill (proposed)	% Increase	
Residential Overall	950	\$137.73	\$168.39	22.26%	
Single-Family					
Residential	1,050	\$150.94	\$184.29	22.09%	
Multi-Family					
Residential	650	\$95.05	\$113.56	19.47%	

- Increase Oregon revenues by overall 322.3 million or 17.9% for all customer types combined.
- Effective January 1, 2025.
- Example excludes UE 434 net power costs or Transition Adjustment Mechanism (TAM).



### PacifiCorp Proposed GRC Residential Customer Impact

Current Residential ONLY	Avg. Useage/Mo.			Residential Avg. Bill \$/Mo.	
Single Family	1,050	\$	11.00	\$	150.94
Multi Family	650	\$	8.00	\$	95.05
Reported income > 60% SMI	950	\$	10.40	\$	137.73
Reported income < 60% $SMI^{\dagger}$	1,100	\$	8.32	\$	126.04

Co. Proposed	Jan. 1, 2025 Increase	Scenario if increase were \$322.3M*								
General Rate Case Residential Only			w Residential asic Charge \$/Mo.	Ne	ew Residential Avg. Bill \$/Mo.	Increase \$/Mo		% Increase		
Single Family	\$322.3 Million*	\$	16.00	\$	184.29	\$	33.35	22.09%		
Multi Family		\$	9.00	\$	113.56	\$	18.51	19.47%		
Reported income > 60% SMI		\$	14.60	\$	168.39	\$	30.66	22.26%		
Reported income < 60% SMI <sup>†</sup>	ted income < 60% SMI <sup>†</sup>		11.68	\$	153.79	\$	27.75	22.02%		

\* Oregon jurisdictional revenues overall increase of 17.9 percent

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Excludes changes proposed in separate net power cost change case (Transition Adjustment Mechanism)

<sup>†</sup> Customers reporting income <60% SMI are eligibile for a Low Income Bill Discount. 20 percent discount reflected in basic charges and average bills.

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## **Customer Impact After Other Rate Changes**

* Scenario	Total Company Proposed Increase Jan.1, 2025 \$M	Resider Basic Ch Current \$	narge	Residential Average Bill Current \$ / Mo.		Residential Basic Charge Proposed \$ / Mo.		Residential Average Bill Proposed \$ / Mo		Residential Average Bill % Increase
1. Company Proposal Excluding Power Cost	\$322.3 M	\$	10.40	\$	137.73	\$	14.60	\$	168.39	22.3%
2. Company Proposal Plus Power Cost	\$304.1 M	\$	10.40	\$	137.73	\$	14.60	\$	167.20	21.4%

\* Based on Company's filings

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## TAM Expected to Reduce Rate Increase by 1%

PacifiCorp is proposing a decrease of around \$18 million to Oregon rates, a 1% decrease. The power cost estimates used here are not final. The final change will not be known until November.

## **Approximate GRC Costs / PacifiCorp**

Cost	
Drivers	

Notes:

1. Total forecasted Oregon Rate Base in this proceeding.

2. Net of projected increase in test period wheeling revenues Wheeling is sale of electric transmission services.

Rough estimates are not intended to total 100% or exact Co. request in the general rate case.

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	Rate Case Cost Drivers	Approximate Co. Proposed Revenue Requirement Impact Oregon Allocated Increase			
		\$ Millions	Percent		
	<b>Driver 1: Capital Projects</b> (Examples Below) Current Rate Base \$ 5,300.9 Million <sup>1</sup>	110.1	34.2%		
	New Major Transmission Investments	76.0	23.6%		
	New or Repowered Wind Plants	20.1	6.2%		
	Customer Service System (CSS) Upgrade	7.4	2.3%		
	Juniper Ridge Bend Service Center	5.1	1.6%		
S	Coal Conversion to Natural Gas Generation	1.5	0.5%		
	Driver 2: Cost of Capital (as requested) 10.3% ROE, 50% Equity, 5.18% Cost LT Debt	41.7	12.9%		
	Driver 3: Deferred Costs Amortization	25.0	7.8%		
	Driver 4: Incremental O&M Costs <sup>2</sup> (Excluding Insurance Mechanism)	13.2	4.1%		
	Driver 5: Insurance Mechanism	66.0	20.5%		
	Driver 6: Catastrophic Fire Fund	77.7	24.1%		

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# About PUC Staff



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- Accountants
- Financial Analysts
- Economists
- Engineers
- Among others
- Paired with Attorney from DOJ

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### • Staff:

- Analyze Utility filings
- Request more information
- Submit, defend written testimony
- Review all testimony, assess for reasonableness
- Develop settlement positions
- Attorneys working with Staff:
  - Cross examine witnesses
  - Submit legal briefs
  - Make oral arguments

## Thank you!



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