

May 14, 2020

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Public Utility Commission of Oregon 201 High Street SE, Suite 100 Salem, OR 97301-3398

Attn: Filing Center

RE: UE ____PacifiCorp's 2019 Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism—Motion for

General Protective Order

PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power intends to file its 2019 Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism on or about May 15, 2020. To facilitate review of materials in this proceeding, PacifiCorp encloses for filing its Motion for General Protective Order.

If you have questions about this filing, please contact Cathie Allen, Manager, Regulatory Affairs, at (503) 813-5934.

Sincerely,

Mike Wilding

Director Net Power Costs and Regulation

Enclosure

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

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In the Matter of

PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC POWER

2019 Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism.

MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Expedited Consideration Requested

Under Oregon Rule of Civil Procedure (ORCP) 36(C)(1) and OAR 860-001-0080(1), PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power (PacifiCorp or Company) moves the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) for entry of a standard protective order in this proceeding. PacifiCorp will file its 2019 Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism (PCAM) on or before May 15, 2020. Good cause exists to issue a protective order to protect commercially sensitive and confidential business information related to this filing.

The Commission's rules authorize PacifiCorp to seek reasonable restrictions on discovery of trade secrets and other confidential business information. The Commission's standard protective order is designed to allow the broadest possible discovery consistent with the need to protect confidential information. PacifiCorp expects to receive discovery requests related to the 2019 PCAM, including requests for propriety cost data and models, commercially sensitive pricing information, confidential market analyses and business

¹ See OAR 860-001-0000(1) (adopting the Oregon Rules of Civil Procedure); ORCP 36(C)(1) (providing protection against unrestricted discovery of "trade secrets or other confidential research, development, or commercial information"). See also In re Investigation into the Cost of Providing Telecommunication Service, Docket No. UM 351, Order No. 91-500 (1991) (recognizing that protective orders are a reasonable means to protect "the rights of a party to trade secrets and other confidential commercial information" and "to facilitate the communication of information between litigants").

² OAR 860-001-0080(2).

projections, or confidential information regarding contracts for the purchase or sale of electric power, power services, or fuel. PacifiCorp will be exposed to competitive injury if it is forced to make unrestricted disclosure of its confidential business information.

It is also substantially likely that the parties to these proceedings will seek to discover further information held by PacifiCorp, including confidential business information. Issuance of a protective order will facilitate the production of relevant information and expedite the discovery process.

For these reasons, PacifiCorp respectfully requests that the Commission enter its standard protective order in this docket. The Company additionally requests expedited consideration of this motion so that a protective order may be in place for PacifiCorp's filing on or before May 15, 2020. Because this is a new filing there are no other parties that have intervened, and as a result no parties have been contacted.

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of May, 2020.

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