PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON STAFF REPORT PUBLIC MEETING DATE: January 10, 2023

REGULAR CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE January 13, 2023

DATE: December 30, 2022

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Mitchell Moore

THROUGH: Bryan Conway, Marc Hellman, and Matt Muldoon SIGNED

SUBJECT: PACIFIC POWER:

(Docket No. ADV 1458/Advice No. 22-014)

Request to cancel Schedule 73 – Large Customer Curtailment Option.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Pacific Power's (PacifiCorp or Company) Advice No. 22-014, requesting the cancellation of Schedule 73 – Large Customer Curtailment Option, with an effective date of January 13, 2023.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve Advice No. 22-014, PacifiCorp's request to cancel its Schedule 73 – Large Customer Curtailment Option.

Applicable Law

ORS 757.205 requires public utilities file to all rates, rules, and charges with the Commission.

ORS 757.210 establishes a hearing process to address utility filings and requires rates be fair, just, and reasonable.

ORS 757.220 provides that no change shall be made in any schedule, except upon 30 days' notice to the Commission prior to the time the changes are to take effect.

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OAR 860-022-0025 requires that filings revising tariffs include statements showing the change in rates, the number of customers affected and resulting change in annual revenue, and the reasons for the tariff revision.

Analysis

Schedule 73 was originally approved by the Commission and went into effect on February 11, 2002. The purpose of the program was to reduce the need for or duration of any required rotating outages by allowing qualifying customers to reduce their load. Qualifying customers would not receive any payment from the Company as a result of participation. Qualifying customers would receive electric service during any rotating outages in return for providing the Company with flexible loads. Customers were required to execute a plan with the Company to indicate how loads would be reduced.

The Company states in its filing, made on November 18, 2022, that no qualifying customers participated in the program, and no qualifying customers are currently utilizing the program.

On November 11, 2022, the Commission approved the Company's Advice No. 22-011 (Docket No. ADV 1436), which, in part, established a demand response program for large commercial and industrial customers to secure flexible loads through the provisions of Schedule 106. This program is intended to accomplish similar outcomes as what was intended through Schedule 73. Therefore, given that no qualifying customers took part in Schedule 73 options, and the new flexible load plan through Schedule 106 is designed to achieve the same outcomes and replace Schedule 73, PacifiCorp finds Schedule 73 no longer necessary.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, Staff supports PacifiCorp's request to cancel Schedule 73 and recommends that the Commission approve PacifiCorp's Advice No. 22-014 for service rendered on and after January 13, 2023.

The Company has reviewed this memo and stated no objection.

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PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

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PAC ADV 1458, Advice 22-014 Cancel Schedule 73