

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: December 17, 2015**

REGULAR CONSENT EFFECTIVE DATE January 1, 2016

DATE: December 8, 2015

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: George R. Compton *GRGC*

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer, Marc Hellman, and Aster Adams *J* *MH* *AA*

SUBJECT: PACIFIC POWER: (Docket No. ADV 146/Advice No. 15-015) Owing to lack of customer participation cancels Schedule 71, large customer Energy Exchange Program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission allow Pacific Power (PacifiCorp or Company) to cancel Schedule 71, Energy Exchange Program, to be effective January 1, 2016.

ISSUE:

Whether the Commission should allow PacifiCorp to cancel Schedule 71, the optional Energy Exchange Program, effective January 1, 2016.

APPLICABLE LAW:

The Commission may approve tariff changes if they are deemed to be fair, just and reasonable. See ORS 757.210.

Tariff revisions may be made by filing revised sheets with the information required under the Commission's administrative rules, including OAR 860-022-0025. OAR 860-022-0025(2) specifically requires that each energy utility changing existing tariffs or schedules must include in its filing a statement plainly indicating the increase, decrease, or other change made with the filing, the number of customers affected by the proposed change and the resulting change in annual revenue; and the reasons or grounds relied upon in support of the proposed change.

Filings that propose any change in rates, tolls, charges, rules, or regulations must be filed with the Commission at least 30 days before the effective date of the change. ORS 757.220; OAR 860-022-0020.

DISCUSSION:

Back in December of 2000 PacifiCorp's optional Energy Exchange Program, Schedule 71, became effective. It allowed the enrolled large customers to be compensated for reducing their loads during periods when market prices were particularly high. Conducting this program has required the Company to lease equipment referred to as a load curtailment module. That lease expires at the end of this month. For a number of years now there has been no participation in this program. Absent customer participation, the Company now proposes to terminate the program—partly to avoid the superfluous equipment lease expense.

PacifiCorp's filing is reasonable as no customers are harmed and there will be some cost savings. Staff finds no reason to support continuation of the optional schedule, and recommends that the Company's filing to cancel Schedule 71 be approved.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

The cancellation of Schedule 71, Energy Exchange Program, be approved, effective January 1, 2016.