

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 2059

In the Matter of

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,

Application for Approval of 2020 All-  
Source Request for Proposal.

NOTICE AND AGENDA

The Public Utility Commission issues this updated agenda for the July 8 Commission Workshops to review PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power's Request for Proposal (RFP) final shortlist and sensitivities methodology.

**DATE:** July 8, 2021

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m. (morning only)

**MEETING TYPE:** Public Hearing and Commission Work Session

**PARTICIPATION:** Zoom Meeting

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**AGENDA:**

1. Updates on New Activities or New Information

Since our June 17 Commission Workshop, it is our understanding that PacifiCorp has begun re-running its models. We request a general update on new activities or new information relevant to the final shortlist for acknowledgement. The Independent Evaluator (IE) and Commission Staff may also add any updates.

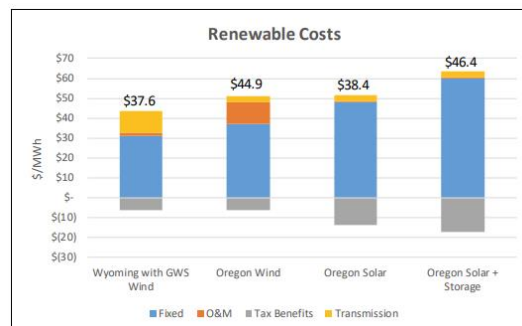
2. Known Questions and Topics of Interest

Below is a list of questions and general topics of interest. With the understanding that PacifiCorp has limited time to prepare in advance of July 8, we may begin an initial discussion of these topics and we can follow-up on details at the August Commission Workshop.

## Transmission Costs:

Can PacifiCorp include reporting with the FSL and sensitivities that makes it clear which transmission resources are included, why they have been selected, and at what cost?

- Three examples that would be helpful are:
  - Add a column to Confidential Table 1 in the FSL and IE Closing Report filing showing the transmission costs for each location, or
  - Update this chart from PacifiCorp's IRP Final Comments with FSL information:



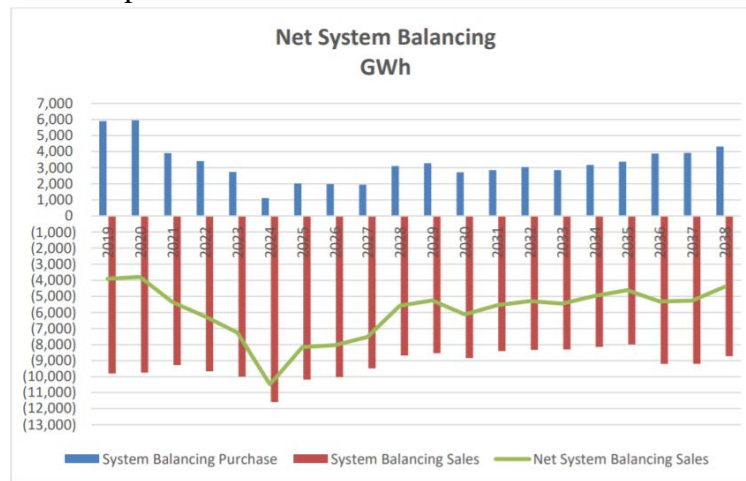
- Update this table from PacifiCorp's IRP Comments on Staff's Memo with current cost estimates for the transmission projects associated with the FSL:

Transmission Action Items		Cost Estimate (\$m)
3a-Energy Gateway South (EGS) built by end of 2023		████████
3b – Utah Valley reinforcements as necessary to facilitate customer-preference resource interconnection.		Substantially complete
	Spanish Fork 345 kV/138 kV transformer upgrade	Substantially complete
	Rebuild approximately five miles of the Spanish Fork – Timp 138 kV line	Substantially complete
3c – Northern Utah reinforcements		████████
	Rebuild two miles of Morton Court 138 kV line	████████
	Loop Populus-Terminal 345 kV line into Bridgerland and Ben Lomond, build 345 kV yard and ancillary circuit breakers.	████████
	Complete plan of service in time to support resource acquisitions from 2019 IRP in region.	████████
3d – Utah South reinforcements		████████
	Complete rebuild of Mona- Clover lines #1 and #2.	Scope included in 3a- EGS estimate.
	Identify route and terminals for 70-mile 345 kV line.	████████
	Develop plan of service to support new resources in southern Utah.	████████
3e – Yakima WA reinforcements		████████
	Facilitate interconnection of preferred portfolio resources with upgrades to local substations	████████
	Complete Vantage-Pomona Heights 230 kV line.	Substantially complete
	Establish type and location of new resources.	████████
3f – Continue to support Boardman-to-Hemingway (B2H) process.		████████
3g – Energy Gateway West		████████
	Segment D.2 completed by end of 2020.	████████
	Continue permitting and funding plans for Segments D.3.	████████
	Continue permitting and funding plans for Segments E.	████████

## “No Sales” (SNS) Sensitivity:

More information on the SNS “no sales” portfolio methodology and the modeling switch that was used to turn off market sales is requested.

- Will some types of market sales be allowed in this portfolio, or does the model remove any possibility of market sales?
- Will market purchases be allowed?
- Would it be possible for the “no sales” sensitivity to result in more resource acquisition than the “low market price” sensitivity? If so, why?
- Please explain if there a specific range or amount of increased market sales that PacifiCorp views as reasonable from its FSL.
- Can PacifiCorp produce charts that show both purchases and sales with a few years of historical data, plus future forecast sales for the final shortlist and MM portfolios? Two examples that would be helpful with more detail are:
  - Figure 4 from the FSL and IE Closing Report filing, or
  - PacifiCorp’s IRP Final Comments:



### PTC/ITC Extension Sensitivity:

Does PacifiCorp expect that the PTC/ITC extension sensitivity will result in reduced bid selection? If not, then please explain why PTC/ITC expiration is no longer expected to be a driver of near-term resource acquisitions.

- Please explain why a RFP sensitivity with no change may be different from PacifiCorp’s LC 70 Final Comments where the model deferred Gateway South to 2028.

### Price-Policy Assumptions (LN and MM):

Recognizing that the FSL and the sensitivities are being re-run, please generally discuss how PacifiCorp analyzes portfolios that may have similar net benefits but have different underlying price-policy assumptions. Please address the quantitative and qualitative considerations the company analyzes and the Commission should most strongly consider to understand:

- The general risks associated with LN and MM price-policy assumptions,
- The general benefits associated with LN and MM price-policy assumptions,
- If possible please provide specific examples of how reliability is furthered by a larger portfolio that selects Gateway South and additional transmission. Please also explain other benefits from Gateway South that are not captured in IRP models.

## **Carbon Emissions:**

- In what ways does HB 2021's passage inform or affect the company's resource acquisition decisions from this RFP? Are there any aspects of the bill that would tend to give new insights into the most cost-effective portfolio that should be acquired under the RFP?

### **3. Other Questions and Topics of Interest**

Time permitting, we will open the floor for stakeholders and parties to add comments or other questions of interest.

If you have questions, please contact the Administrative Hearings Division (AHD) by telephone (503-378-6678) or by e-mail ([puc.hearings@puc.oregon.gov](mailto:puc.hearings@puc.oregon.gov)). In this proceeding confidential information is governed by Order No. 20-077. Although we do not expect to discuss confidential information on July 8, if it arises then a portion of the workshop could be held in executive session under ORS 192.660(2)(f). Participation in an executive session would be limited to parties to UM 2059 who have signed the protective order and members of the news media.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021, at Salem, Oregon.

**Megan W. Decker**

**Chair**

**Letha Tawney**

**Commissioner**

**Mark R. Thompson**

**Commissioner**

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