

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 375

In the Matter of

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,

2021 Transition Adjustment Mechanism.

BENCH REQUEST

The below questions are directed to PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power. PacifiCorp is directed to file responses to the questions by close of business on Monday, June 29, 2020. If any parties have a response, it may be included in rebuttal and cross-answering testimony due by close of business on Friday, July 10, 2020.

- (1) Provide the confidential Ralston Supplemental Testimony (Exh. DMR-1HCT) filed at the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission on April 1, 2020.
 - a. If PacifiCorp needs to change or update the testimony so that it fits within the Oregon TAM (as opposed to Washington's power cost methodology), please make the changes.
 - b. Please ensure the testimony fully describes the prudence of the price, term, volume, minimum take level and liquidated damage terms in the contract.
- (2) Please provide additional detail on Colstrip's minimum take level.
 - a. How does the minimum take level compare to historic deliveries?
 - b. How does the minimum take level compare to alternative tonnage levels that PacifiCorp may have evaluated at the time of contract negotiation?
 - c. Were coal ash disposal costs considered by PacifiCorp when setting the minimum take level?
 - d. How would the minimum take level change in the event of a long-term outage in the next few years?
- (3) Please explain which coal units have flexibility for PacifiCorp to adjust downward coal nominations for the upcoming year in light of COVID-19 effects such as low gas and electricity prices, which may continue into 2021.

(4) Address Huntington coal costs and delivery levels.

- a. What costs are included in the limited trucking escalation? Will trucking costs change with the current low diesel prices?
- b. With the Castle Valley contract expiring at the end of 2020, can PacifiCorp alter the minimum delivery for the plant? Recognizing that Wolverine is a full requirements contract, what is the minimum nomination allowed? Can that minimum be renegotiated due to the expiration of the Castle Valley contract?

Dated this 18th day of June, 2020 at Salem, Oregon.



Sarah Rowe
Administrative Law Judge