

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1147/UE 170

In the Matters of)
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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF)
OREGON)
)
Staff Request to open an investigation)
related to deferred accounting, (UM 1147))
)
and)
)
PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT)
(dba PacifiCorp))
)
Request for a General Rate Increase in the)
Company's Oregon Annual Revenues.)
(UE 170)

**RULING AND
NOTICE OF CANCELLATION,
AND RESCHEDULING OF
HEARING
(Oral Arguments)**

**DISPOSITION: MOTION GRANTED IN PART: ORAL ARGUMENTS
CANCELLED AND RESCHEDULED**

On March 28, 2005, PacifiCorp filed a motion to amend the procedural schedule in this proceeding (Motion). PacifiCorp requested that the Motion receive expedited consideration.

Pursuant to a Notice of Hearing in this docket, oral arguments were scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. PacifiCorp requests that the oral arguments be rescheduled for April 11, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. PacifiCorp represents that three obligations in other dockets within one or two business days of the currently scheduled oral arguments present irreconcilable conflicts for PacifiCorp that justify moving the oral argument.¹

As a UE 170 settlement conference is currently scheduled to take place all day on April 11, 2005, PacifiCorp also proposes to postpone the start of the day's settlement conference until 1:30 p.m. and to schedule continuation of the settlement conference on April 12, 2005.

PacifiCorp indicates that it has contacted counsel for Commission Staff (Staff), the Citizens' Utility Board (CUB), the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) and the Fred Meyers Stores. PacifiCorp states that Staff, CUB and ICNU expressed no objection to

¹ PacifiCorp's summary judgment motion is due in UE 171 on March 31, 2005, settlement conferences in UE 170 begin on April 5, 2005, and issue lists are due in UM 1056/UM 1182 on April 6, 2005.

the Motion or the proposed schedule. PacifiCorp has not heard back from the Fred Meyers Stores. Due to the need to file the Motion expeditiously, PacifiCorp indicates that it has not contacted other parties.

In recognition that numerous deadlines, in major dockets, are scheduled within a compressed period of time over the next few weeks, and the representation that Staff, CUB and ICNU do not object to moving oral argument to April 11, 2005, at 9:00 a.m., I grant the Motion in part and approve the revised date and time for oral arguments in UM 1147.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Oral Arguments in UM 1147 have been rescheduled as follows:

DATE:	April 11, 2005
TIME:	9:00 a.m.
LOCATION:	Public Utility Commission of Oregon 550 Capitol Street NE Main Hearing Room – 1 st Floor Salem, OR 97301
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:	Traci A. G. Kirkpatrick
POSTPONEMENT will be made only upon a showing of good cause. Please call the Administrative Hearings Division at (503) 378-3885, if you have any questions.	

As I indicated in a prehearing conference memorandum dated December 8, 2004, the UE 170 settlement conference dates that parties agreed to at the prehearing conference were included in the formal schedule but were not official procedural schedule dates adopted by the Commission. Consequently, parties may change the date of, or cancel, a settlement conference without authorization from the Commission. As such, I decline to reschedule the UE 170 settlement conferences, but advise parties that they may do so on their own initiative.

Dated in Salem, Oregon, this 29th day of March, 2005.

Traci A.G. Kirkpatrick
Administrative Law Judge