

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1968

In the Matter of

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,

Application for Authority to Implement
Revised Depreciation Rates.

RULING

DISPOSITION: MOTIONS GRANTED: COAL ISSUES SEGREGATED,
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE SUSPENDED, AND DEADLINE SET
FOR STIPULATION FILING

This ruling grants two motions. First, on March 31, 2020, PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power, filed a motion to sever issues surrounding coal-fired resources from this docket. PacifiCorp explained that removing the coal decommissioning costs and coal depreciation rates from this docket will allow all issues for PacifiCorp's coal-fired resources to be substantively addressed and resolved in a single case, PacifiCorp's general rate case in docket UE 374. PacifiCorp states that no party objects to its motion.

For good cause shown, I grant PacifiCorp's motion. The substance of PacifiCorp's motion was already addressed on April 2, 2020, when ALJ Lackey granted PacifiCorp's companion motion to expand the scope of docket UE 374 to include the depreciation rates for PacifiCorp's coal-fired resources. This ruling simply reinforces ALJ Lackey's ruling.

Second, on April 20, 2020, Commission Staff filed a stipulated motion to suspend the current procedural schedule. Staff states that PacifiCorp, Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB), and the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (AWEC) have reached a settlement in principle that will resolve all issues in this proceeding. Because Staff and intervenor opening testimony is due to be filed on April 13, 2020, Staff requests expedited consideration of its motion.

I find there is good cause to grant Staff's stipulated motion to suspend the current procedural schedule. I request the parties file their stipulation and supporting testimony or brief by close of business on June 9, 2020, which is three weeks before the old hearing date of June 30, 2020. Alternatively, a joint status update may be filed on June 9, 2020.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2020, at Salem, Oregon.



Sarah Rowe
Administrative Law Judge