

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,

Application for Authority to Implement  
Revised Depreciation Rates.

RULING

DISPOSITION: MOTION GRANTED, PROCEEDING HELD IN ABEYANCE

On February 8, 2019, PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power, filed a motion to hold this proceeding in abeyance and suspend the current procedural schedule. PacifiCorp states that it has discussed this motion with all parties, and that Staff and the Oregon Citizen's Utility Board (CUB) support the motion and the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (AWEC) does not oppose the motion.

PacifiCorp is working on an updated coal analysis that examines the economic lives of its coal plants. PacifiCorp believes the updated coal analysis will be complete by June 2019 and will inform the 2019 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) to be filed by August 1, 2019. PacifiCorp explains that the updated coal analysis may impact its depreciation rates, as the useful lives and depreciable lives of coal units may change.

PacifiCorp explains that this suspension will not impact its earlier requested effective date of January 1, 2021, for its proposed depreciation schedules. The company states there is adequate time to complete the IRP, amend the depreciation schedules if needed, and to complete review of this matter without changing the proposed effective date. PacifiCorp states it will continue to cooperate in planning site visits and responding to discovery while the proceeding is held in abeyance.

I find there is good cause to grant the motion, and I hold the proceeding in abeyance and vacate the current procedural schedule. PacifiCorp or the parties may contact the Administrative Hearings Division (AHD) later this summer when they are ready to set a new schedule.

Dated this 15th day of February, 2019, at Salem, Oregon.



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Sarah Rowe  
Administrative Law Judge