## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

### **OF OREGON**

#### UE 267

In the Matter of

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,

PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM

Transition Adjustment, Five-Year Cost of Service Opt-Out.

On November 18, 2013, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon held a prehearing conference in this docket. Representatives appeared on behalf of Commission Staff; Pacificorp, dba Pacific Power; Shell Energy North America (US), L.P; Constellation Energy; the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU); Noble Americas Energy Solutions LLC (Noble); the Northwest & Intermountain Power Producers Coalition (NIPPC); Vitesse LLC ("Vitesse"); and Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. (Wal-Mart).

#### Motions

Prior to the prehearing conference, I sent an electronic message to the parties regarding procedural events to be included in a schedule adopted for this proceeding. I advised the parties that Pacific Power should file testimony that responded to the Stipulation and supporting testimony as well as the reply testimony previously filed by Staff and intervenors. I also advised that only one hearing would be held in this proceeding. Pacific Power indicated at the start of the prehearing conference that the company was considering whether to file a motion to certify a ruling issued on November 15, 2013. The company stated that such a motion would likely also address the direction that Pacific Power file testimony that responded both to the Stipulation and its supporting testimony and the reply testimony filed by Staff and intervenors. Pacific Power asked that I put this direction on the record, and I orally did that. In any case, the electronic message had already been entered into the record. For the convenience of parties, it is attached to this memorandum.

Pacific Power also made a motion to indefinitely suspend the effective date of Schedule 296, which the Commission had previously suspended until January 1, 2014. Pacific Power eventually modified the motion to suspend the effective date of Schedule 296 until January 1, 2015. No participant objected and I granted the motion. In order to enter an order that extends the suspension of Schedule 296 until January 1, 2015, a written request is required. Pacific Power should document the motion in writing.

# **Procedural Schedule**

The parties agreed to the following procedural schedule, which is adopted:

Event	Date
Deadline for Pacific Power to file Request to	December 2, 2013
Certify Ruling	
Parties file responses to Request to Certify	December 16, 2013
Ruling	
Pacific Power files Reply to Responses to	December 23, 2013
Request to Certify Ruling	
Commission decision requested on Request to	February 12, 2014
Certify Ruling	
Stipulating Parties file Joint Testimony	February 19, 2014
Pacific Power files Reply Testimony	May 9, 2014
All parties file Prehearing Briefs and Cross-	June 19, 2014
Examination Statements	
All parties file Schedules of Exhibits to Be	June 23, 2014
Admitted into Record	
Hearing	June 26, 2014
Pacific Power's Opening Brief due	July 24, 2014
All Parties' Reply Briefs due	August 21, 2014
Pacific Power's Rebuttal Brief	September 4, 2014
Target Date for Commission Order	October 16, 2014
Pacific Power files Proposed Tariff Language	October 30, 2014 (or 14 days after
	Commission decision)
Tariff effective date	January 1, 2015

Parties agreed to shorten the response time to seven (7) calendar days for discovery requests submitted to a party after February 19, 2014.

Dated this 19th day of November, 2013, at Salem, Oregon.

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Administrative Law Judge

Attachment: Electronic mail message dated November 18, 2013.

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Importance:	High

Please see the email below from ALJ Kirkpatrick regarding today's prehearing conference.

Thank you.

Good morning--

As I will conduct the prehearing conference scheduled in UE 267 by telephone, this email is intended to set the stage for that conference. In a ruling issued on November 15, 2013, the stipulation was recognized as a stipulation under OAR 860-001-0350. The purpose of today's prehearing conference is to determine how to proceed. Based on comments from the parties, I recommend we set dates for the following events:

1. Motion to suspend the effective date of the proposed tariff;

2. Stipulating Parties' submission of testimony supporting the Stipulation;

3. Pacific Power's response that addresses testimony supporting the stipulation as well as the prior round of testimony by individual parties. It will be understood that if the Stipulation is not adopted in its entirety, individual parties will revert to prior positions;

4. Hearing that will address the parties' positions individually and in context of the Stipulation. Parties are advised that only one hearing will be held in this proceeding. At its conclusion, and after submission of briefs, the case will be presented to the Commission for a determination to adopt the Stipulation in its entirety, partially, or not at all; and

#### 5. Briefs

This schedule omits steps that would require the Stipulating Parties to file a motion to accept the Stipulation into the record and would allow Pacific Power to object. To expedite the process, I treated the comments filed on October 24th as having effectively accomplished these steps. Parties may choose to add these steps back, however.

Thank you,

--Traci Kirkpatrick