ISSUED: February 3, 2006

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

## **OF OREGON**

UM 1229

In the Matter of	)	
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PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY, dba	)	TELEPHONE
PACIFICORP	)	CONFERENCE REPORT
	)	&
Application for a Deferred Accounting Order	)	RULING
Regarding Certain Tax Expenses.	)	

DISPOSITION: MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE DENIED; INTERVENTION PETITION GRANTED.

On January 30, 2006, PacifiCorp filed a motion asking to consolidate this docket with the UE 170 reconsideration proceeding. On January 31, notice of a telephone conference was sent to the persons listed on the UM 1229 service list only.

On February 3, 2006, a telephone conference was held to discuss PacifiCorp's motion. PacifiCorp, Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB), Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) and staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Staff) entered appearances. After discussion, the following determinations were made by the Administrative Law Judge:

- 1. The two dockets will not be consolidated.
- 2. The issues in the UE 170 (RECON) docket include what is an appropriate remedy if the Commission should determine to modify the revenue requirement from the original order. Therefore, it is appropriate for testimony to be filed and arguments made about remedies, including the use of a deferred account, in UE 170 (RECON).
- 3. On November 21, 2005, ICNU filed objections to PacifiCorp's application in this docket. I have reviewed the arguments raised by ICNU and find that for purposes of the UE 170 (RECON) proceeding, ICNU may raise arguments about whether the Commission can or should use the deferred accounting process as a make-whole remedy.

4. After issuance of an order in the UE 170 (RECON) proceeding, PacifiCorp may ask for further proceedings in UM 1229. Until that time, further processing of this docket is suspended.

Finally, ICNU filed a petition to intervene on December 7, 2005. No objections were received. ICNU has sufficient interest in this proceeding and its appearance and participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding. *See* OAR 860-012-0001. The petition is granted.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2006.

Kathryn A. Logan Administrative Law Judge