

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

DATE: December 20, 2021

TO: Caroline Moore

FROM: Madison Bolton

SUBJECT: **PacifiCorp:** 2022 Tariff has been updated. PacifiCorp’s Compliance filing at Advice No. 21-025 for Interest Accrued on Customer Deposits and Late Payment Charge.

On December 8, 2021, PacifiCorp (“Pacific Power” or “Company”) proposed revisions to the following tariff sheet, P.U.C. OR. No. 36, with less than statutory notice.

<u>Oregon PUC Sheet No.</u>	<u>Canceling Oregon PUC Sheet No.</u>
8 th Revision Sheet No. 300-2	7 th Revision Sheet No. 300-2

Melissa Nottingham, Customer Advocacy and Tariff Policy Manager at PacifiCorp requests to replace Oregon PUC Tariff No. 36, the 7th Revision Tariff Sheet 300-2 with the 8th Revision Tariff Sheet 300-2.

In compliance with Commission Order No. 21-414 and amended by Order No. 21-439 in Docket No. UM 779, Public Utility Commission of Oregon Determination of Late-Payment Rate and Interest Accrued on Customer Deposits, PacifiCorp has submitted Advice No. 21-025, with less than statutory notice, to confirm compliance with the late payment rate of 2.0 percent which utilities are allowed to collect on late payments.

The annual interest rate for customer deposits is addressed in the Company’s tariff Rule 9, General Rules and Regulations Deposit, in Section F on Sheet No. R9-5. The relevant section states:

“The Company shall pay interest on deposits at a rate prescribed by order of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon. Interest on a deposit shall accrue annually and shall be credited to the Customer’s account on the first statement following the anniversary or the accrual date. Interest on deposits held for less than a full year will be prorated.”¹

The language in PacifiCorp’s Rule 9 is such that it references the annual interest rate established by the Commission for customer deposits and obliges the Company to the most current rate without a direct reference to a specific order. As there is no change to the interest rate of 0.1 percent for customer deposits, no billing system changes are necessary.

¹ [General Rules and Regulations: Deposit – Section F – pacificpower.net](https://www.pacificpower.net)

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Staff's review included verifying the following requirements for compliance with Commission Order No. 21-414:

- The late payment fee of 2.0% of unpaid balance, effective for service on and after January 1, 2022
- The interest rate of 0.1% on customer deposits held during January 1 through December 31, 2022
- Attachments: PacifiCorp's Tariff Sheets for Late Payment charge and interest rate.

Staff verified PacifiCorp's Advice No. 21-025 and found that the rates have been properly applied and the Company is in full compliance with the Commission order.

Cc: Diane Davis

Service Charges (continued)		Description	Charge
<u>Rule No.</u>	<u>Sheet No.</u>		
9	R9-1	Deposit: Agricultural Pumping No established credit or established high risk	amount not to exceed estimated season's billing
10	R10-2	Late Payment Charge:	2.0% of amount not (R) paid in full each month
10	R10-2	Returned Payment Charge:	\$12.00
10	R10-5	Paperless Bill Credit	-\$0.50
11B	R11B-5	Reconnection Charge:	
		<u>Non-Remote Reconnection</u>	
		Request for reconnect during regular business hours: Monday through Friday, except holidays 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	\$30.00
		Request for reconnect during non-regular business hours: Monday through Friday, except holidays 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. *	\$75.00
		Saturday, Sunday & Holidays 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.	\$175.00
		*Note: No reconnections will be scheduled after 7:00 P.M.	
		<u>Remote Reconnection</u>	\$7.00
11B	R11B-5	Pole Cut Reconnect Charge: Request for reconnect during regular business hours: Monday through Friday, except holidays 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	\$100.00
		Request for reconnect during non-regular business hours: Monday through Friday, except holidays 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. *	\$175.00
		Saturday, Sunday & Holidays 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.	\$275.00
		*Note: No reconnections will be scheduled after 7:00 P.M.	
11B	R11B-5	Field Visit Charge:	\$20.00

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