

November 3, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Public Utility Commission of Oregon Attn: Filing Center 201 High Street SE, Suite 100 Salem, OR 97301-3398

RE: Advice No. 23-020—Schedule 91 – Low Income Bill Payment Assistance Fund

In compliance with ORS 757.205, OAR 860-022-0025, OAR 860-022-0030, and ORS 757.210, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power (PacifiCorp or Company) encloses for filing proposed tariff pages associated with Tariff P.U.C. OR No. 36, which sets forth all rates, tolls, charges, rules, and regulations applicable to electric service in the State of Oregon. The Company respectfully requests an effective date of January 2, 2024.

Sheet Number	Schedule	Title
Thirteenth Revision of Sheet No. 91-1	Schedule 91	Low Income Bill Payment Assistance
		Fund

Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to adjust the rates collected in Schedule 91, Low Income Bill Assistance Fund, (Schedule 91) in compliance with Section 4 of House Bill 2739 (HB 2739).

Background

On June 26, 2021, the legislature passed HB 2739. Section 3 of HB 2739 required electric companies to collect an additional \$10 million per calendar year for low-income electric bill payment and crisis assistance beginning January 1, 2022. On November 16, 2021, PacifiCorp filed Advice No. 21-024 to increase the amount collected under Schedule 91 to comply with the requirement of Section 3 of HB 2739.

HB 2739 also included Section 4 which stated Section 3 would be repealed on January 2, 2024. In compliance with Section 4, PacifiCorp submits this advice filing to return the rates in Schedule 91 to the level in place prior to the implementation of HB 2739.

Tariff changes and impacts

To support this filing and meet the requirements of OAR 860-022-0025 and OAR 860-022-0030, the Company submits proposed Schedule 91 which will return the surcharge to the rates in effect prior to the changes made from HB 2739.

The filing results in an approximate overall decrease to PacifiCorp customers of \$4.0 million or 0.2 percent. This proposed change will affect approximately 652,000 customers. The average

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residential customer using 900 kilowatt-hours per month would see a monthly bill decrease of \$0.35 as a result of this change.

PacifiCorp respectfully requests that all formal data requests regarding this matter be addressed to:

By email (preferred): <u>datarequest@pacificorp.com</u>

By regular mail: Data Request Response Center

PacifiCorp

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Portland, OR 97232

Please direct any informal questions about this filing to Cathie Allen, Regulatory Affairs Manager, at (503) 813-5934.

Sincerely,

Matthew McVee

Vice President, Regulatory Policy and Operations

Enclosure





OREGON **SCHEDULE 91**

LOW INCOME BILL PAYMENT ASSISTANCE FUND

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Purpose

The purpose of this Schedule is to collect funds for electric low-income bill payment assistance as specified in Oregon Laws 2021, Ch. 536, §2.

Applicable

To all bills for electric service calculated under all tariffs and contracts.

Adjustment Rates

The applicable Adjustment Rates are listed below. Retail electricity Consumers shall not be required to pay more than \$500 per month per site for low-income electric bill payment assistance.

Schedule	Adjustment Rate	
Residential Rate Schedules (4, 5, 6)	\$0.69 per month	(R)
Nonresidential Rate Schedules	0.069 cents per kWh for the first 724,638 kWh	(R)

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Definition of Site (Order No. 01-073 entered January 3, 2001)

"Site" means:

- (a) Buildings and related structures that are interconnected by facilities owned by a single retail electricity consumer and that are served through a single electric meter; or
- (b) A single contiguous area of land containing buildings or other structures that are separated by not more than 1,000 feet, such that:
 - Each building or structure included in the site is no more than 1,000 feet from at least one other building or structure in the site;
 - ii. Buildings and structures in the site, and land containing and connecting buildings and structures in the site, are owned by a single retail electricity consumer who is billed for electricity use at the buildings and structures; and
 - Land shall be considered to be contiguous even if there is an intervening public or iii. railroad right of way, provided that rights of way land, on which municipal infrastructure facilities exist (such as street lighting, sewerage transmission, and roadway controls), shall not be considered contiquous.

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