

November 16, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
201 High Street, SE, Suite 100
Salem, Oregon 97301-3389

Attn: Filing Center

RE: Advice No. 21-024—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 1, 2022.

Sheet Number	Schedule/Rule	Title
Twelfth Revision of Sheet No. 91-1	Schedule 91	Low Income Bill Payment Assistance Fund
First Revision of Sheet No. 91-2	Schedule 91	Low Income Bill Payment Assistance Fund

House Bill 2739 Section 3 requires electric companies to collect an additional \$10 million per calendar year for low-income electric bill payment and crisis assistance beginning January 1, 2022. The purpose of this filing is to revise the rates in Schedule 91 to include PacifiCorp's share of this additional funding effective January 1, 2022.

PacifiCorp worked collaboratively with Portland General Electric to determine each utility's share of this additional funding. It was determined that a total low-income surcharge rate of \$1.04 per month for residential customers and \$0.00104 per kilowatt-hour for the first 480,769 kilowatt-hours for non-residential customers would most closely increase total revenues under the surcharge between the two utilities by \$10 million. PacifiCorp's revenues would increase by approximately \$4.0 million while Portland General Electric's revenues would increase by approximately \$6.0 million.

Additionally, PacifiCorp has made a housekeeping change to page 2 of the tariff to replace the reference to Oregon Office of Energy with Oregon Department of Energy.

To support this filing and meet the requirements of OAR 860-022-0025 and OAR 860-022-0030, the Company submits proposed Schedule 91 along with the following attachment:

Attachment 1: Present and Proposed Low Income Surcharge Rates and Revenues

Attachment 1 shows the present and proposed rates and revenues under the low-income surcharge along with the change in rates and revenues. The filing results in an overall increase to PacifiCorp customers of \$4.0 million or 0.3 percent. This proposed change will affect approximately 642,000 customers. The average residential customer using 900 kilowatt-hours per month would see a monthly bill increase of \$0.35 as a result of this change. Overall, non-residential customers will see an increase \$1.8 million or 0.3 percent. Per the requirements of House Bill 2739 and the existing statute, each non-residential customer will pay no more than \$500 per month for low-income assistance which is accomplished with the kilowatt-hour limitation described above and shown in the tariff.

It is respectfully requested that all data requests regarding this matter be addressed to:

By email (preferred): datarequest@pacificorp.com

By regular mail: Data Request Response Center
PacifiCorp
825 NE Multnomah, Suite 2000
Portland, OR 97232

All other inquiries may be directed to Cathie Allen, Regulatory Affairs Manager, at (503) 813-5934.

Sincerely,



Shelley McCoy
Director, Regulation

Proposed Tariffs

LOW INCOME BILL PAYMENT ASSISTANCE FUND
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.

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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)	\$1.04 per month
Nonresidential Rate Schedules	0.104 cents per kWh for the first 480,769 kWh

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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:
 - i. 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
 - iii. Land shall be considered to be contiguous even if there is an intervening public or 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 contiguous.

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Single Site Exemption

Consumer must declare to Company that it meets the \$500 per month single site exemption in SB 1149 as specified in this tariff. Consumer claiming the \$500 per month single site exemption must provide certification to the Company.

For the purpose of the Low Income Bill Payment Assistance Charge, the Consumer may take one of two approaches to be certified as a Site.

1. The Company will accept any Consumer that has completed an Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) Site Eligibility Application and has been certified as a Site by the ODOE under its Large Electricity Consumer Self-Directed Public Purposes Program. (C)
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2. If a Consumer has not been certified by ODOE for self-direction of public purpose charges, the Company will certify the Consumer as a Site for the low-income charge cap. The Consumer will be required to demonstrate it meets the criteria, by providing a map of the proposed facilities and surveyors' affidavit demonstrating it meets the criteria. (C)

Once the Company has received this information and has certified the Consumer as meeting the OPUC Site definition above, the affected locations will be specified as a Site effective with service on and after the date of Company acceptance of certification.

Any adjustments relating to this exemption shall be paid from the low-income bill payment assistance fund collections.

Special Conditions

On a monthly basis, on or before the last day of the month, the Company will forward an amount to the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department based on billings to Consumers for the previous month less a reserve for uncollectable amounts.

Attachment 1

PacifiCorp
Estimated Low Income Adjustment Revenues Change

at Present Rates		Present	2022	Uncollectibles	Total
	2022 Units	Rate	Revenues (\$000)	Adj -0.367%	Revenues (\$000)
Residential Bills	6,362,556	\$ 0.69	\$ 4,390	\$ (16)	\$ 4,374
Non-Residential MWh ¹	5,417,963	\$ 0.00069	\$ 3,738	\$ (14)	\$ 3,725
Capped Bills	863	\$ 500	\$ 432	\$ (2)	\$ 430
			\$ 8,560	\$ (31)	\$ 8,529

at Proposed Rates		Proposed	2022	Uncollectibles	Total
	2022 Units	Rate	Revenues (\$000)	Adj -0.367%	Revenues (\$000)
Residential Bills	6,362,556	\$ 1.04	\$ 6,617	\$ (24)	\$ 6,593
Non-Residential MWh ¹	5,103,743	\$ 0.00104	\$ 5,308	\$ (19)	\$ 5,288
Capped Bills	1,340	\$ 500	\$ 670	\$ (2)	\$ 668
			\$ 12,595	\$ (46)	\$ 12,549

Residential Rate Change \$ 0.35
 Non-Residential Rate Change \$ 0.00035

Revenue Change (\$000) \$ 4,020

¹Non-Residential MWhs are adjusted to remove energy for customers paying the capped amount.