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# VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Attn: Filing Center

## RE: Advice No. 17-005—Continuation of the Low Income Bill Payment Assistance Fund

In compliance with ORS 757.205 and OAR 860-022-0025, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power (PacifiCorp) submits for filing with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) the proposed tariff page associated with Tariff P.U.C. OR No. 36, which sets forth all rates, tolls, charges, rules, and regulations applicable to electric service in Oregon. Pacific Power respectfully requests an effective date of October 1, 2017.

Eighth Revision to Sheet No. 91-1

Schedule 91 Low Income Bill Payment Assistance Fund

The purpose of this filing is to remove the expiration date for the temporary increase to the low income assistance charge in compliance with House Bill (HB) 3257, HB 2004, and HB 2134.

Removing the expiration date for the temporary increase is consistent with HB 2004, which removed the 12- and 24-month limitations for the collection of the additional \$5 million described in Sections 3 and 4, Chapter 566 Oregon Laws 2011. Continuing the collection of the \$5 million after October 4, 2017, will be consistent with HB 3257 and HB 2134.

HB 3257 changed the expiration date for the low income bill payment assistance described in ORS 757.612 program to January 2, 2018. Note that in the last update of Schedule 91, in Advice No. 15-012, PacifiCorp requested and the Commission approved, to extend the collection of the additional funds through October 4, 2017. However, because HB 2004 removed the 12- and 24-month limitation and HB 3257 changed the expiration date to January 2, 2018, PacifiCorp now believes the request in Advice No. 15-012 should have been to extend the collection through January 2, 2018. Removing the expiration date as requested in this advice filing will correct this and avoid a gap in low income bill payment assistance funding to Oregon Housing and Community Services.

HB 2134 becomes effective January 2, 2018 and combines the amounts for low income bill payment assistance to be collected by electric utilities that include \$15 million described in ORS 757.612(7)(b) and the \$5 million described in Sections 3 and 4, Chapter 566 Oregon Laws 2011.

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A combined \$20 million is already being collected by Portland General Electric Company and Pacific Power through Schedule 115 and Schedule 91, respectively.<sup>1</sup>

The proposed tariff change will result in the continuation of the temporary increase of 34 cents per customer to approximately 497,000 residential customers, consistent with the legislation described above. The proposed change has no impact on current rates.

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

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All other inquiries may be directed to Natasha Siores, Manager of Regulatory Affairs, at (503) 813-6583.

Sincerely,

Etta Lockey

Vice President, Regulation

Enclosure

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pacific Power anticipates filing a tariff advice to update Schedule 91 to reflect the impact of HB 2134 in late 2017, for an effective date of January 2, 2018.



#### Purpose

The purpose of this Schedule is to collect funds for electric low-income bill payment assistance as specified in ORS 757.612 Section (7)(b) and in ORS 757.612 Section 3.

### 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.

	Adjustment
Schedule	Rate
4, 5	50 cents per month
	34 cents per month temporary adjustment
	84 cents total effective adjustment rate
15, 23, 28, 30, 41, 47, 48, 50,	0.050 cents per kWh for the first 1,000,000 kWh
51, 52, 53, 54, 400, 723, 728,	
730, 741, 747, 748, 751, 752,	
753 and 754	

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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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P.U.C. OR No. 36

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**SCHEDULE 91**