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RE: Advice No. 21-007

At the public meeting on April 20, 2021, the Commission adopted Staff's recommendation in this matter docketed as ADV 1253. The Staff Report, LSN, and a receipted copy of the sheets in your advice filing are attached.

Nolan Moser

Chief Administrative Law Judge

Public Utility Commission of Oregon

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: April 20, 2021**

REGULAR _____ **CONSENT** X **EFFECTIVE DATE** April 21, 2021

DATE: April 12, 2021

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Kathy Zarate

THROUGH: Bryan Conway, John Crider, and Matthew Muldoon **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: PACIFIC POWER:
(Docket No. ADV 1253/Advice No. 21-007)
Housekeeping – Rule 13. Line Extension.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Pacific Power's (PacifiCorp, PAC, or Company) Advice No. 21-007, effective with service on and after April 21, 2021, with less than statutory notice (LSN).

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) should allow PacifiCorp to modify or add language in Schedule 13.

Applicable Law

The Commission may approve tariff changes if they are deemed fair, just, and reasonable per ORS 757.210. Tariff revisions or corrections may be made by filing revised sheets with the information required under the Commission's administrative rules, including OAR 860-022-0005 and OAR 860-022-0025. OAR 860-022-0025(2) specifically requires that each energy utility changing existing tariffs or schedules include in its filing a statement plainly indicating the increase, decrease, or other change made with the filing, the number of customers affected by the proposed change and the resulting change in annual revenue; and the reasons or grounds relied upon in support of the proposed change.

Filings that make any change in rates, tolls, charges, rules, or regulations must be filed with the Commission at least 30 days before the effective date of the change.
ORS 757.220; OAR 860-022-0015.

Analysis

Pacific Power filed Advice No. 21-007 on March 27, 2021, and seeks modifications to Schedule 13, added line extension, with service on and after April 21, 2021. This request is made with less than 30-days notice..

The purpose of the filing is to make modifications to the language in Schedule 13. In compliance with ORS 757.205 and OAR 860-022-0025, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power submits for filing with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon the following 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 Oregon.

In Advice No. 20-009, the Company requested approval to update Tariff Rule 13, Section III, Nonresidential Extensions, to add an additional Extension Allowance for electric transportation load. The filing included changes to Sheet Nos. 6-13, which were approved by the Commission on November 17, 2020.

In this housekeeping filing, PacifiCorp proposes to consolidate tariff revisions approved by the Commission in Advice No. 20-009.

Sheet Schedule/Rule Title:

Second Revision of Sheet No. 13-12 Rule 13 Line Extensions
Second Revision of Sheet No. 13-13 Rule 13 Line Extensions

A list of the changes made by the Company is provided below:

- Added the following language approved in Advice No. 20-012 to Section E, Temporary Service:

In response to the 2020 wildfires, the Company may waive the costs of temporary service to facilitate service restoration at an affected property and to make temporary service available for displaced residential customers at a temporary location. provided, however, the Applicant requests service no later than June 30, 2021. The Applicant remains responsible for electric service supplied under the appropriate rate schedule and any advances required for sharing previous extensions.

- Moved language from Section C, Local Governments-Conversions, from Sheet Numbers 13-12 to Numbers 13-13.

The filing does not contain additional changes that are other than housekeeping in nature.

In addition, Staff reviewed the company's filing and found it reasonable. Please note, however, that the Company's filing with LSN has precluded any additional Staff discovery.

Conclusion

Staff supports approval of the Company's filing, which it contains no changes to customer rates and charges.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve Pacific Power's Docket No. ADV 1253/Advice No. 21-007 to go into effect for service rendered on and after April 21, 2021, with less than statutory notice.

LESS THAN STATUTORY NOTICE APPLICATION

This document may be electronically filed by sending it as an attachment to an electronic mail message addressed to the Commission's Filing Center at puc.filingcenter@state.or.us.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power _____ (UTILITY COMPANY))))))	UTILITY L.S.N. APPLICATION NO. <u>2281</u> _____ (LEAVE BLANK)
TO WAIVE STATUTORY NOTICE.		

NOTE: ATTACH EXHIBIT IF SPACE IS INSUFFICIENT.

1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE(S) ADDITION, DELETION, OR CHANGE. (SCHEDULE INCLUDES ALL RATES, TOLLS AND CHARGES FOR SERVICE AND ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS AFFECTING THE SAME)
 Advice No. 21-007 is a housekeeping filing to consolidate tariff revisions approved by the Commission in Advice No. 20-009 and Advice No. 20-012.

2. APPLICANT DESIRES TO CHANGE THE SCHEDULE(S) NOW ON FILE KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS: (INSERT SCHEDULE REFERENCE BY NUMBER, PAGE, AND ITEM)
 First Revision of Sheet No. 13-12 - Rule 13 Line Extensions, Section E. Temporary Service
 First Revision of Sheet No. 13-13 - Rule 13 Line Extensions, Section C., Local Governments

3. THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE(S) SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS: (INSERT SCHEDULE REFERENCE BY NUMBER, PAGE AND ITEM)
 Second Revision of Sheet No. 13-12 - Rule 13 Line Extensions, Section E. Temporary Service
 Second Revision of Sheet No. 13-13 - Rule 13 Line Extensions, Section C. Local Governments

4. REASONS FOR REQUESTING A WAIVER OF STATUTORY NOTICE:
 The Commission approved Advice No. 20-009 on November 17, 2020, and Advice No. 20-012 on October 6, 2020. This is a housekeeping filing to consolidate the approved changes. Less than statutory notice is requested to ensure the changes approved by the Commission are correctly reflected in the company's tariff.

5. REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE NEW SCHEDULE(S) OR CHANGE(S): April 21, 2021

. AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	TITLE Director Regulation	DATE 4/16/2021
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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	DATE 4/20/2021	

V. Extension Exceptions (continued)

E. Temporary Service (continued)

In response to the 2020 wildfires, the Company may waive the costs of Temporary Service to facilitate service restoration at an affected property and to make Temporary Service available for displaced residential customers at a temporary location. Provided, however, the Applicant requests service no later than June 30, 2021. The Applicant remains responsible for electric service supplied under the appropriate rate schedule and any advances required for sharing previous Extensions.

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VI. Relocation or Replacement of Facilities

A. Relocation of Facilities

If requested by an Applicant or Consumer, and adequate clearances can be maintained and adequate easements/rights-of-way can be obtained, the Company will: relocate distribution facilities; and/or, replace existing overhead distribution facilities with comparable underground (overhead to underground conversion, or conversion). If existing easements are insufficient for the new facilities, the Applicant is responsible for obtaining new easements. Substation facilities and transmission voltage facilities will be relocated at the discretion of the Company.

For conversions, the new underground system must not impair the use of the remaining overhead system. The Applicant or Consumer must elect either: to provide all trenching and back filling, imported backfill material, conduits, and equipment foundations that the Company requires for the Extension; or, to pay the Company to provide these items.

In addition, for both relocations and conversions, the Applicant must advance the following:

1. The estimated installed cost of the new facilities plus the estimated removal expense of the existing facilities, less
2. The estimated salvage value of the removed facilities.

This Advance is not refundable. The Company is not responsible for allocating costs and responsibilities among multiple Applicants.

B. Local Governments – Relocations

When Company facilities located in the franchise easement require relocating due to a public project, the relocation is done without charge to the local government Applicant.

C. Local Governments – Conversions

The conversion costs to a local government Applicant, as part of a public project which would necessitate the relocation of Company's facilities, consist of: the costs of all necessary excavating, road crossings, trenching, backfilling, raceways, ducts, vaults, transformer pads, and other devices peculiar to underground service. If the conversion is not part of a public project necessitating relocation of Company's facilities the overhead retirement costs are included in the conversion costs charged to the local government. The overhead retirement costs are: the original cost, less depreciation, less salvage value, plus removal costs of the existing overhead distribution facilities no longer used or useful by reason of the conversion.

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VI. Relocation or Replacement of Facilities (continued)

C. Local Governments – Conversions (continued)

In addition the local government shall by ordinance or other means provide that all Consumers, served from the overhead facilities to be removed, perform wiring changes on their Premises so the service may be furnished from the underground distribution system in accordance with the Company's rules, and have authorized the Company to discontinue its overhead service upon completion of the underground conversion.

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The Company will not charge the local government if the total conversion costs incurred by the Company during one calendar year for conversions does not exceed five-one hundredths of one percent (0.05%) of the Company's annual revenues derived from Consumers residing within the boundaries of the local government. Otherwise the local government shall, in advance, either pay the conversion costs or direct the Company to expense the conversion costs. When expensed said conversion shall be conditioned by the following:

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1. Company shall collect the conversion costs from the Consumers located within the boundaries of the local government; however, the local government may direct Company to collect conversion costs from only a portion of the Consumers located within the boundaries of the local government.
2. Conversion costs incurred by the Company shall be accumulated in a separate account in Company's books with interest accruing from the date Company incurs the cost. The rate of such interest shall be equal to the effective cost of the senior security issue which most recently preceded the incurrence of the cost.
3. Company shall collect the conversion costs and interest over a reasonable period of time subject to approval of The Public Utility Commission of Oregon. Said pay-back shall not exceed the depreciable life of the facilities. Collection shall begin as soon as practicable after the end of the year in which the conversion costs are incurred.
4. Conversion costs to be recovered from each Consumer shall be calculated by applying a uniform percentage to each Consumer's total monthly bill for service rendered within the boundaries of the local government. Said conversion costs will be shown as a separate item on individual Consumer bills.

VII. Contract Administration Credit

Applicants may waive their right to receive refunds on a Line Extension advance. Applicants who waive this right will receive a Contract Administration Credit up to the amount specified in Schedule 300. The Applicant's choice to receive the Contract Administration Credit must be made at the time the Extension advance is paid.

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