

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UE 116

In the Matter of the Tariff Sheets Filed by	)	
PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT for Electric	)	ORDER
Service.	)	
Advice No. 00-015	)	

DISPOSITION: TARIFF SHEETS SUSPENDED

On November 1, 2000, PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT filed tariff sheets in Advice No. 00-015 to be effective December 1, 2000. The terms of the proposed tariff sheets are set forth in the Staff Report dated November 9, 2000, attached as the Appendix to this order.

At its November 21, 2000, public meeting, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon found good and sufficient cause exists to investigate the propriety and reasonableness of the tariff sheets pursuant to ORS 757.210 and 757.215. The Commission ordered suspension of the advice pending that investigation.

Pursuant to ORS 757.215, the Commission suspends the tariff sheets for a period of six months from December 1, 2000, the effective date of the tariff sheets. The Commission finds that the investigation will not be completed within the six-month initial suspension, therefore, this order includes a further suspension of the tariff sheets for an additional three months.

IT IS ORDERED that Advice No. 00-015 filed by PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT is suspended for a period of time not to exceed nine months from December 1, 2000, the effective date of the tariff sheets.

Made, entered, and effective NOV 29 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION:

Vikie Bailey-Goggins  
Commission Sectary

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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: November 21, 2000

REGULAR AGENDA  CONSENT AGENDA EFFECTIVE DATE December 1, 2000

DATE: November 9, 2000  
TO: Bill Warren through Lee Sparling  
FROM: Ed Busch ~~  
SUBJECT: UE 116: PacifiCorp, Advice No. 00-015  
Application for Revised Tariff Schedules

SAY RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend that the Commission suspend PacifiCorp's application for revised tariff schedules in Advice No. 00-015.

DISCUSSION:

On November 1, 2000, PacifiCorp filed Advice No. 00-015, an application for revised tariff schedules. The filing was docketed as UE 116. The tariffs would implement a general rate revision, increasing PacifiCorp's revenues from base rates by \$160.6 million, or 20.4% . As with PGE's filing in docket UE 115, PacifiCorp's filing also is intended to put into operation the provisions of the Commission's Senate Bill 1149 rules. Thus, the filing includes not only a general rate revision but also many structural issues related to implementing SB 1149 as required by October 1, 2001. Some of these issues include unbundling PacifiCorp's services into distribution, generation, transmission, ancillary and consumer services; establishing charges to electricity service suppliers; structuring standard offer service; and determining competitive transition amounts.

Due to the complexity and magnitude of PacifiCorp's filing, staff recommends the Commission suspend the tariffs for investigation. Suspending the tariffs will allow the Commission to evaluate the reasonableness of the company's proposed rates and resolve numerous issues related to implementing -SB 1149. ORS 757.215(1) allows the Commission to suspend the proposed rates an additional three months if it finds the investigation will not be completed by the end of the initial six-month suspension period. As with PGE's filing, staff believes there is sufficient cause for the Commission to determine that the investigation in UE 116 cannot be completed within the initial suspension period, and the additional three-month suspension should be approved at this time.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend that the tariffs filed by PacifiCorp in Advice 00-015 (UE 116), with a proposed effective date of December 1, 2000, be suspended for nine months.

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