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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON

UE 94

In the Matter of the Petition of)
PACIFICORP to Amend Order No. 98-191) SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER
Regarding Annual System Benefit Charge)
Adjustment.)

DISPOSITION: PETITION APPROVED;
ORDER NO. 98-191 AMENDED

On April 13, 2001, PacifiCorp filed a petition with the Public Utility Commission (Commission) requesting modifications to Order No. 98-191, to allow the Company to defer its annual System Benefit Charge (SBC) filing until after September 30, 2001. The basis for the current request is detailed in Staff's recommendation memo, attached as Appendix A.

Based on a review of the application and the Commission's records, the Commission finds that this petition satisfies applicable statutes and administrative rules. At its public meeting on June 15, 2001, the Commission adopted Staff's recommendation and approved PacifiCorp's request.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED THAT the petition of PacifiCorp to amend Order No. 98-191 is approved, to allow the Company to defer its annual System Benefit Charge filing until after September 30, 2001, as further specified in Appendix A. All other provisions of previous Commission Orders issued in this docket, shall, to the extent not modified by this order, remain in full force and effect.

Made, entered, and effective _____.

BY THE COMMISSION:

Vikie Bailey-Goggins
Commission Secretary

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements of OAR 860-014-0095. A copy of any such request must also be served on each party to the proceeding as provided by OAR 860-013-0070. A party may appeal this order to a court pursuant to ORS 756.580.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: June 15, 2001**

REGULAR AGENDA X **CONSENT AGENDA** **EFFECTIVE DATE** _____

DATE: June 5, 2001

TO: Phil Nyegaard through Lee Sparling

FROM: Ed Busch

SUBJECT: Petition of PacifiCorp to Amend Order No. 98-191
Regarding Annual System Benefit Charge Adjustment

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend that the Commission approve PacifiCorp's Petition to Amend Order No. 98-191.

DISCUSSION:

By petition received April 13, 2001, PacifiCorp requested the Commission modify Order No. 98-191, to allow PacifiCorp to defer its annual System Benefit Charge (SBC) filing until after September 30, 2001. Order No. 98-191 (Docket UE 94) established an Alternative Form of Regulation for PacifiCorp's distribution operations. Page 7 of Appendix A requires PacifiCorp to make an annual filing that adjusts the SBC rate each July 1st to collect the cost of DSM activities in the prior calendar year and true-up for any differences between actual and expected collections.

After discussions with Staff in Docket UE 116, PacifiCorp filed this petition to modify its annual SBC filing requirement for 2001. Because its DSM activities are scheduled to end at September 30, 2001 (with the subsequent implementation of the three percent public purpose charge), PacifiCorp requests approval to delay its filing until after that date. The company will then make a filing to consolidate current Schedules 191 and 192 to begin recovering the final DSM balances. If the current October 1, 2001 implementation date for the public purpose charge is postponed, the company asks for a comparable delay in its SBC filing.

Staff supports the company's request. Modifying Order No. 98-191 to allow the delay in PacifiCorp's 2001 SBC filing will not disadvantage either customers or the company. The current rates in tariff schedules 191 and 192 will continue to remain in effect, and the amounts in the associated balancing accounts are subject to true up to ensure that there is no over- or under-recovery. Staff's review of these accounts indicates that continuation of the current rate levels is reasonable. Should implementation of the public purpose charge be delayed, Staff will work with PacifiCorp regarding appropriate timing for its SBC filing.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend that the Commission approve PacifiCorp's Petition to Amend Order No. 98-191 to allow PacifiCorp to defer its annual System Benefit Charge filing until after September 30, 2001.