

ORDER NO. 04-703

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**OF OREGON**

UE 170

In the Matter of	)	
	)	
PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT	)	ORDER
	)	
Proposed Tariff for Electric Service.	)	
Advice No. 04-018	)	

**DISPOSITION: TARIFF SHEETS SUSPENDED**

On November 12, 2004, PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT filed tariff sheets in Advice No. 04-018 to be effective December 12, 2004. The terms of the proposed tariff sheets are set forth in the Staff Report dated November 22, 2004, attached as the Appendix to this order.

At its December 7, 2004, 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.

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IT IS ORDERED that Advice No. 04-018 filed by PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT is suspended for a period of time not to exceed nine months from December 12, 2004, the effective date of the tariff sheets.

Made, entered, and effective \_\_\_\_\_.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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Becky Beier  
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 in 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(2). A party may appeal this order to a court pursuant to applicable law.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: December 7, 2004**

**REGULAR**   X   **CONSENT**        **EFFECTIVE DATE**       December 12, 2004      

**DATE:** November 22, 2004

**TO:** Lee Sparling through Ed Busch

**FROM:** Judy Johnson

**SUBJECT:** PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT: (Docket No. UE 170/Advice No. 04-018)  
Requests a general rate increase in the company's Oregon annual revenues of \$102,023,704, or 12.5 percent overall.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

I recommend that the Commission suspend Pacific Power & Light Company's application for revised tariff schedules in Advice No. 04-018.

**DISCUSSION:**

On November 12, 2004, Pacific Power & Light (PacifiCorp) filed Advice No. 04-018, an application for revised tariff schedules. The filing has been docketed as UE 170. The tariffs would implement a general rate revision, increasing PacifiCorp's revenues by \$102 million, or 12.5 percent overall. The percentage increases by rate class are 10.4 percent for residential customers, 25.4 percent for general service customers, 21.6 percent for large general service customers, and 18.3 percent for irrigation customers.

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. 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. Due to the size of the increase and the complexity of the case, Staff believes there is sufficient cause for the Commission to determine that the investigation cannot be completed within the initial suspension period, and the additional three-month suspension should be approved at this time. PacifiCorp has verbally indicated that, for administrative convenience, it is agreeable to the Commission approving the additional three months now.

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**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

PacifiCorp's application for revised tariff schedules in Advice No. 04-018 (UE 170), with a proposed effective date of December 12, 2004, be suspended for nine months.