### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

### **OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of	)	
PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT	)	ORDER
Updates Avoided Costs for Schedule 135, Net Metering Service, in Compliance with Docket UM 1129, Order Nos. 05-584 and 05-899.	) ) )	51221

DISPOSITION: FILINGS ALLOWED TO GO INTO EFFECT
SUBJECT TO INVESTIGATION AND POSSIBLE
REFUND; STAFF RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED

In Docket No. UM 1129, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) investigated electric utility purchases from qualifying facilities (QFs) and issued Order No. 05-584 on May 13, 2005, directing Pacific Power & Light (PacifiCorp) to file standard contract forms and revised tariffs to implement the Commission's decision. On August 9, 2005, the Commission approved those filings in Order No. 05-899, subject to investigation and possible refund.

Oregon's net metering law, ORS 757.300(3)(c), states, "An electric utility may value the excess kilowatt-hours at the avoided cost of the utility, as determined by the commission..." On August 12, 2005, PacifiCorp filed Advice No. 05-010 under ORS 757.205 to make the avoided cost rates the company pays net metering customers consistent with those the Commission approved for the investigation period. A description of the filing and its procedural history is contained in the staff report attached as Appendix A, and incorporated by reference.

At its public meeting on August 16, 2005, the Commission allowed PacifiCorp's Advice No. 05-010, as filed on August 12, 2005, to go into effect on August 17, 2005, with less than statutory notice subject to investigation and possible refund pursuant to ORS 757.215(4).

## **ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED that Pacific Power & Light's Advice No. 05-010, as filed on August 12, 2005 is allowed to go into effect on August 17, 2005, with less than statutory notice subject to investigation and possible refund pursuant to ORS 757.215(4).

Made, entered and effective

AUG 2 3 2005

Lee Beyer
Chairman

Commissioner

Ray Baum
Commissioner

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. A party may appeal this order to a court pursuant to ORS 756.580.

### ITEM NO. 2A

# PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON STAFF REPORT PUBLIC MEETING DATE: August 16, 2005

REGULAR X CONSENT EFFECTIVE DATE August 17, 2005

DATE:

August 12, 2005

TO:

**Public Utility Commission** 

FROM:

Lisa Schwartz

THROUGH: Lee Sparling, Ed Busch and Jack Breen III

SUBJECT: PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT: (Docket No. UM 1129/Advice No. 05-010) Updates avoided costs for Schedule 135, Net Metering Service, in compliance with Docket No. UM 1129, Order 05-584 and 05-899.

# STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission allow Pacific Power & Light's Advice No. 05-010, as filed on August 12, 2005, to go into effect August 17, 2005, with less than statutory notice subject to investigation and possible refund pursuant to ORS 757.215(4).

### DISCUSSION:

In Docket No. UM 1129, the Commission investigated electric utility purchases from qualifying facilities. The Commission issued Order No. 05-584 on May 13, 2005, directing Pacific Power & Light and the other electric utilities to file revised tariffs and standard contract forms to implement the Commission's decision. On August 2, 2005. the Commission approved those filings subject to investigation and possible refund. See Order No. 05-899.

Oregon's net metering law states, "An electric utility may value the excess kilowatthours at the avoided cost of the utility, as determined by the commission...." See ORS 757.300(3)(c). On August 12, 2005, PacifiCorp filed Advice No. 05-010 under ORS 757.205 to make the avoided cost rates the company pays net metering customers consistent with those the Commission approved for the investigation period.

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# PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Pacific Power & Light's Advice No. 05-010, as filed on August 12, 2005, be allowed to go into effect August 17, 2005, with less than statutory notice subject to investigation and possible refund pursuant to ORS 757.215(4).