

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 1285(1)

In the Matter of	)	
	)	ORDER
PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER	)	
	)	
Application for Reauthorization of Deferred Accounting.	)	

**DISPOSITION: APPLICATION FOR REAUTHORIZATION APPROVED**

On April 10, 2007, PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power (Pacific Power)'s request to defer costs associated with a Commission-selected Independent Evaluator (IE) retained to evaluate PacifiCorp's 2012 Request for Proposals for base load resources was approved by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) at its Public Meeting (see Order No. 07-145). On December 12, 2007, Pacific Power filed its application for reauthorization of deferred accounting for IE costs associated with this request for proposals. Changes in both the duration and scope of the project necessitate the request to reauthorize deferral of costs and appropriate interest that is associated with the IE from the date of the current application, December 13, 2007, going forward until the project is complete. 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 January 8, 2008, the Commission adopted Staff's recommendation.

**ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED that Pacific Power's application for reauthorization of deferred accounting for Independent Evaluator costs associated with its 2012 RFP and interest accrual is approved, effective with the date of the application.

Made, entered, and effective JAN 14 2008

BY THE COMMISSION:



*Becky L. Beier*

**Becky L. 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 by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480-183.484.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: January 8, 2008**

REGULAR  CONSENT  EFFECTIVE DATE December 13, 2007

DATE: December 24, 2007

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Deborah Garcia *DG*

THROUGH: *in* Lee Sparling, *EB* Ed Busch, and Judy Johnson

SUBJECT: PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT: (Docket No. UM 1285(1)) Reauthorization of deferred accounting for independent evaluator costs associated with Requests for Proposals.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

I recommend that Pacific Power & Light's application be approved.

**DISCUSSION:**

At its April 10, 2007, public meeting the Commission approved (See Order No. 07-145) Pacific Power & Light's (PPL) request to establish a deferral for the costs and appropriate interest associated with a Commission-approved independent evaluator (IE) retained to evaluate PPL's 2012 Request for Proposals (RFP) for base load resources.

Due to the involved parties' efforts to ensure the best possible outcome in this process, both the duration and scope of the project have increased. These changes necessitate the request to reauthorize deferral of costs and appropriate interest that is associated with the IE from the date of the current application, December 13, 2007, going forward until the project is complete.

Reason for Deferral -- Adoption of this deferred account is authorized by 757.259(2)(e) in order to minimize the frequency of rate changes or fluctuation of rate levels. PPL has met the requirements of OAR 860-027-0300 in its filing.

Proposed Accounting -- The proposed deferrals would be recorded in Account 182.3, Other Regulatory Assets. Amortization of the balance would be considered in a subsequent proceeding coincident with inclusion in rates.

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Estimated Deferrals in Authorization Period -- When deferred accounting for this project was initially authorized the projected expense for the project was \$670,000. PPL has incurred approximately \$620,000 in expense through November 8, 2007, with the estimated total now at \$750,000.

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

PPL's request for reauthorization of deferred accounting for IE costs associated with its Draft 2012 RFP and interest accrual be approved effective with the date of the application.

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