ORDER NO. 14 35

ENTERED **OCT 1 6** 2014

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UE 290

In the Matter of

ORDER

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,

2013 Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism

DISPOSITION: STIPULATION ADOPTED

I. SUMMARY

On May 15, 2014, PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power, filed its annual power cost adjustment mechanism (PCAM) to recognize the difference between actual and forecasted power costs.¹ In its filing, PacifiCorp showed no 2013 power cost adjustment refund or collection from customers due to the operation of the earnings test. Following a settlement conference, the parties to these proceedings agreed to a stipulation providing that there should be no change in PacifiCorp's rates. In this order, we adopt the parties' stipulation, attached as Appendix A.

II. BACKGROUND

We adopted a PCAM for PacifiCorp in Order No. 12-493, and this docket is PacifiCorp's first PCAM filing pursuant to that order. PacifiCorp's PCAM is identical to Portland General Electric Company's (PGE),² and contains a deadband, sharing mechanism, earnings test, and amortization cap.

The deadband requires PacifiCorp to absorb some normal variation of power costs, and is set at a negative annual power cost variance of \$15 million and a positive annual power cost variance of \$30 million. Any amount above or below the deadband is subject to the sharing mechanism and earnings test. This sharing mechanism, which was established to provide PacifiCorp the incentive to manage costs effectively, allocates 90 percent of the remaining variance to customers and 10 percent to PacifiCorp. The earnings test, which helps guard against over- and under-earning, eliminates any power cost adjustment if PacifiCorp earns within plus or minus 100 basis points of its allowed return on equity

¹ See Order No. 12-493 (order approving PacifiCorp's PCAM) (Docket No. UE 246).

² See e.g., Order No. 14-345 (PGE's 2013 Power Cost Variance filing).

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(ROE). Finally, an amortization cap limits amortization of deferred amounts under the PCAM in any year to 6 percent of PacifiCorp's revenues for the preceding calendar year.

PacifiCorp calculates its PCAM by applying the above guidelines, and any resulting adjustment is reflected in its tariff Schedule 206. In its filing, PacifiCorp includes a cover letter and attachments describing its 2013 baseline and actual power costs, its earnings test, and its calculations for the PCAM.

III. PACIFICORP'S FILING

In its 2013 PCAM filing, PacifiCorp reports that its 2013 actual net power costs exceeded its estimated costs by about \$33.6 million on an Oregon-allocated basis.³ PacifiCorp then applied the deadband, sharing mechanism, and earnings test to determine whether any variance should be recovered from or refunded to customers.

Because the deadband provides that any net power cost difference within positive \$30 million will be absorbed by the company, PacifiCorp's calculations show \$3.6 million exceeded the deadband. Next, PacifiCorp applied the sharing mechanism which allocates any amount above or below the deadband 90 percent to customers and 10 percent to the company, leaving approximately \$3.3 million as potentially recoverable from customers. PacifiCorp's last step was to apply the earnings test, and because PacifiCorp's earned ROE was within plus or minus 100 basis points of the allowed ROE, there is no recovery from or refund to customers for 2013. PacifiCorp states that its 2013 ROE was 9.8 percent, and its authorized ROE is also 9.8 percent.

Since this is PacifiCorp's first deferral year under the PCAM, and the company's current Schedule 206 rates are set at zero, there is no change required to customers' rates.

IV. REVIEW AND STIPULATION

The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) intervened as a matter of right under ORS 774.180. No other party intervened in this docket. Following settlement discussions, and before any Staff or intervenor testimony was filed, PacifiCorp, Staff, and CUB submitted a stipulation on August 18, 2014.⁴ The stipulation is admitted into the record.

The settlement provides that the company's PCAM calculation for 2013, as set forth in the initial filing and summarized in the settlement, complies with Order No. 12-493 and results in no change to existing rates. The settling parties request that the Commission adopt the settlement.

³ PacifiCorp forecasted its 2013 net power costs in its 2013 transition adjustment mechanism, Docket No. UE 245, with Oregon-allocated net power costs forecasted as \$362.3 million. In this docket, PacifiCorp filed its costs on a total-company basis, but indicates that, on an Oregon-allocated basis, its actual 2013 net power costs exceeded its forecast by \$33.6 million.

⁴ The requirement to file an explanatory brief or testimony in support of the stipulation was waived by Administrative Law Judge ruling on August 20, 2014.

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V. DISCUSSION

In its application, PacifiCorp reported that no rate change would be required in this proceeding because PacifiCorp's earned ROE was within 100 basis points of its allowed ROE. By their review of PacifiCorp's filing and work papers the parties confirmed PacifiCorp's findings and reached their settlement in this case.

We find the settlement reasonable and in the public interest. The stipulation should be adopted.

VI. ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that

- 1. The stipulation between PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon Staff, and the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon is adopted;
- 2. PacifiCorp's Schedule 206 rates should continue to be set at zero effective January 1, 2015.

Made, entered, and effective0	CT 1 6 2014
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Susan K. Ackerman	John Savage
Cheir	Commissioner Stephen M. Bloom Commissioner

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order under 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 860-001-0720. A copy of the request must also be served on each party to the proceedings as provided in OAR 860-001-0180(2). A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480 through 183.484.

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PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC POWER

STIPULATION

2013 Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism.

INTRODUCTION

2	Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission Staff), and the Citizens' Utility Board of
3	Oregon (CUB) (collectively the Settling Parties) enter into this Stipulation to resolve all
4	issues in docket UE 290, PacifiCorp's 2013 power cost adjustment mechanism (PCAM).
5	No other party intervened in this docket.
	BACKGROUND
6	2. The Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) approved
7	PacifiCorp's PCAM in Order No. 12-493 in docket UE 246. The PCAM allows the
8	recovery or refund of the difference between actual net power costs (NPC) incurred to
9	serve customers and the base NPC established in the Company's annual transition
10	adjustment mechanism (TAM) filing. The amount recovered from or refunded to
11	customers for a given year is subject to the following parameters:
12 13 14 15 16 17 18	 Asymmetrical Deadband—Any NPC difference between negative \$15 million and positive \$30 million is absorbed by the Company. Sharing Mechanism—Any NPC difference above or below the deadband is shared 90 percent by customers and 10 percent by the Company. Earnings Test—If the Company's earned return on equity (ROE) is within plus or minus 100 basis points of the allowed ROE, there is no recovery from or refund to customers.

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Amortization Cap—The amortization of deferred amounts are capped at six percent 1 2 of the revenue for the preceding calendar year.¹ 3. On May 15, 2014, the Company filed its PCAM for calendar year 2013. 3 Attachment A to this Stipulation is a summary of the Company's PCAM calculation. On a 4 total-company basis, adjusted actual NPC were \$1.62 billion for calendar year 2013, which 5 is approximately \$150.9 million higher than the base NPC of \$1.47 billion established in б the 2013 TAM (docket UE 245). On an Oregon-allocated basis, actual NPC exceeded base 7 8 NPC by approximately \$33.6 million. 9 4. After application of the deadband and sharing band, approximately \$3.3 million of excess NPC is eligible for recovery from customers. Application of the 10earnings test, however, results in no recovery in the 2013 PCAM because the Company's 11 earnings for calendar year 2013 are within 100 basis points of its authorized ROE. 12 Attachment B shows the calculation of the Company's earned ROE for calendar year 2013, 13 which is based on the Company's results of operations through December 2013.² The 14 Company's earned ROE for 2013, which reflects results of operations after all Type 1 15 adjustments and the removal of the normalization of loads and hydro conditions, was 16 9.8 percent. The Company's authorized ROE is also 9.8 percent.³ Since this is the first 17 deferral year under the PCAM, and the Company's current Schedule 206 includes no rate 18 19 adjustment for PCAM deferrals, there is no change required to customers' rates at this time. 5. The Settling Parties held a settlement conference on August 5, 2014. This 20 conference resulted in an agreement resolving all issues in this docket. 21

¹ Order No. 12-493 at 15 (Dec. 20, 2012).

² The Company filed its results of operations for calendar year 2013 with the Commission on April 30, 2014.

³ In the Matter of PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power's Request for a General Rate Revision, Docket No. UE 263, Order No. 13-474 at 4 (Dec. 18, 2013).

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AGREEMENT

1	6. The Settling Parties agree that the Company's PCAM calculation for calendar
2	year 2013, as set forth in the Company's initial filing and summarized above, complies
3	with Order No. 12-493 and results in no change to existing rates.
4	7. The Settling Parties agree to submit this Stipulation to the Commission and
5	request that the Commission approve the Stipulation as presented. The Settling Parties
6	agree that this Stipulation will result in rates that meet the standard in ORS 756.040.
7	8. This Stipulation will be offered into the record as evidence under
8	OAR 860-001-350(7). The Settling Parties agree to support this Stipulation throughout
9	this proceeding and any appeal, provide witnesses to sponsor this Stipulation at hearing,
10	and recommend that the Commission issue an order adopting the Stipulation. The
11	Settling Parties also agree to submit a joint motion for a waiver of the requirement in
12	OAR 860-001-0350(7) that testimony or an explanatory brief be submitted in support of
13	the Stipulation. If the waiver is denied, the Settling Parties agree to cooperate in drafting
14	and submitting joint testimony or an explanatory brief.
15	9. The Settling Parties have negotiated this Stipulation as an integrated
16	document. If the Commission rejects all or any material portion of this Stipulation or
17	imposes additional material conditions in approving this Stipulation, any of the Settling
18	Parties are entitled to withdraw from the Stipulation or exercise any other rights provided
19	in OAR 860-001-0350(9). To withdraw from the Stipulation, a Settling Party must provide
20	written notice to the Commission and other Settling Parties within five days of service of
21	the final order rejecting, modifying, or conditioning this Stipulation.
22	10. By entering into this Stipulation, no Settling Party approves, admits, or
23	consents to the facts, principles, methods, or theories employed by any other Settling Party

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in arriving at the terms of this Stipulation other than those specifically identified in the 1 2 body of this Stipulation. Nothing in this Stipulation limits the issues that any Settling Party 3 may raise in future proceedings.

11. This Stipulation is not enforceable by any Settling Party unless and until 4 adopted by the Commission in a final order. Each signatory to this Stipulation avers that 5 they are signing this Stipulation in good faith and that they intend to abide by the terms of 6 this Stipulation unless and until the Stipulation is rejected or adopted only in part by the 7 8 Commission. The Settling Parties agree that the Commission has exclusive jurisdiction to 9 enforce or modify the Stipulation. If the Commission rejects or modifies this Stipulation, 10 the Settling Parties reserve the right to seek reconsideration or rehearing of the Commission 11 order under ORS 756.561 and OAR 860-001-0720 or to appeal the Commission order under ORS 756.610 12

13 12. This Stipulation may be executed in counterparts and each signed counterpart 14 constitutes an original document.

This Stipulation is entered into by each Settling Party on the date entered below 15 such Settling Party's signature. 16

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ATTACHMENT A

POWER COST ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM CALCULATION

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Oregon Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism

January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013

Attachment A - Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism Calculation

Line <u>No.</u>		Reference	3	lan-13	F	eb-13	1	Mar-13	Apr-13		May-13	Ju	n-13	Jul-13	3	Aug	j-13	Sep-13	đ	et-13	N	ov-13	C)ec-13		Total	
Actu 1 2 3	al: Total Company NPC Actual Retail Load Total Company NPC \$/MWH	Conf W/P (2,1) W/P (4,1) Line 1 / Line 2	\$ 1: 	34,449,266 5,089,393 26.42		16,261,201 4,262,779 27.27		24,035,334 4,362,081 28,43	\$ 111,401,73 4,128,23 \$ 26,9		4,381,187	4	,462,605 ,709,345 27.70	\$ 176,347, 5,258 \$ 3		5,0	356,341 310,098 31.51	\$ 138,234,172 4,368,519 \$ 31,54		4,152,145 4,352,112 28,53		4, 533 ,177 4,472,615 27,84		35,743,005 5,162,810 32.10	\$	1,624,172,261 55,557,995 29.23	
Base 4 2 6	y NPC Base Retail Load Base OR \$MWh	ConfWiP (3,1) WiP (4.1) Line 4 / Line 5	\$ 12 \$	20,976,211 4,769,160 25.26	-	08,529,921 4,250,300 25,53		19,166,574 4,528,630 26.33	\$ 113,212,03 4,293,54 \$ 25.3	o .	118,252,722 4,498,810 26,30	4	,230,781 ,444,500 25,25	5,096			053,360	\$ 128,052,822 4,439,460 \$ 28,84		4,453,730		15,492,332 4,502,620 25,87		21,240,345 4,803,130 25,24	\$	1,472,722,858 55,159,430 28.70	
7	NPC Differential \$/MWh	Line 3 - Line Ø	\$	1.16	\$	1,74	\$	2.11	\$ 0.6	12 \$	1,25	\$	2.45	\$	4.87	\$	2,09	\$ 2.80	\$	1.60	\$	1,97	\$	6.85	\$	2.53	
8	Oregon Retail Load	W/P (4.1)		1,315,179		1,048,376		1,059,688	982,80	16	894,042		983,008	1,171	.858	1,0	074,565	985,360		1,046,672		1,087,949		1,340,484		13,089,969	
Defe 9	rrai: Monthly NPC Differential - Above or (Below) Base	Line 7	\$	1,521,819	5	1,819,812	\$	2,235,125	\$ 806,72	72 Ş	1,241,741	\$2	,469,699	\$ 5,709	,498	\$ 2,2	240,949	\$ 2,758,024	\$	1,767,170	\$	2,144,739	\$	9,197,333	\$	33,652,632	
		Conf W/P (2.2) 2012 TAM Line 10 - Line 11	\$ \$ \$	(2,785) (4,646) 1,861		(7,284) (8,047) 763	\$	(10,735) (8,027) (2,708)	\$ (10,77	17) \$ 18) \$ 18) \$	(10,797)	\$		\$ (18	,403) (,601) (,602)	\$	(17,992) (19,774) 1,782	\$ (18,462)	\$	(11,963) (10,918) (1,045)	\$	(6,761) (6,992) 231		(9,548) (5,900) (3,648)	\$ \$ \$ \$	(144,788) (130,638) (14,161)	
13	Total Monthly Differential - Above or (Below) Base	Line 9 + Line 12	6	1,523,880	\$	1,820,575	\$	2,232,418	\$ 805,09	i4 \$	1,237,782	\$ 2	402,890	\$ 5,704	,898 -	\$ 2,2	242,731	\$ 2,763,663	\$	1,766,125	\$	2,144,970	\$	9,163,665	\$	33,638,470	ORDER
14	Cumulative Differential - Above or (Below) base		\$	1,523,880	\$	3,344,254	\$	5,576,872	\$ 6,181,72	16 \$	7,419,508	\$ 9	,822,398	\$ 15,527	,296	\$ 17,3	770,027	\$ 20,533,690	\$ 2	2,299,815	\$;	24,444,785	\$:	33,635,470			ER
15 18	Positive Deadband - ABOVE Base	Onier, 12-493 Onier, 12-493		80,000,000 15,000,000)														\$ 30,000,000 \$ (18,000,000)						30,000,000 15,000,000)	\$ \$	30,000,000 (15,000,000)	Z
17 18 19 20	Amount Defemable - BELOW Deadband	Line 17 + Line 18 Line 19 [,] 90%	5 5 5 5		\$ \$ \$		\$ \$ \$ \$		\$ - \$ - \$ -	\$ 5 \$ \$		5 6 5 \$		\$ \$ \$ \$				\$ - \$ - \$ -	\$ \$ \$ \$		\$ \$ \$		\$ \$	3,638,470 - 3,638,470 3,274,623	\$ \$ \$ \$	3,638,470 	
Ener	gy Balancing Account:																										
21 22 23 24 25	Beginning Balance Incremental Deferral Interest	Note f Prior Month Line 25 Line 20 Line 21 * (Line 22 + 60% x Line 23) ∑ Lines 22:24	‡ 5 2 \$	0.84%	* * *	-	\$ \$ \$	-	0.64 \$ - \$ - \$ -	\$ \$		\$ \$ \$	-	\$ \$	1,64% - 4 - 4 - 4	5 5	-	0.84% \$- \$- \$- \$-	\$ \$ \$ \$	-	\$ \$ \$	-	\$	0.64% 3,274,623 10,398 3,285,021	\$ \$ \$	3,274,623 10,396 3,255,021	20 70 7
26 27 28 29	100bp ROE Revenue Requirement Allowed Deferral After Earning Test Total Deferred	Attach B U≝ 246																							\$	9.80% 9.80% 32,123,947	

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Note 1: 7.621% annual interst rate based on Oregon approved rate of return

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ATTACHMENT B RESULTS OF OPERATIONS DECEMBER 2013

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Actual, Adjusted & Normalized Results of Operations - 2010 Protocol Results of Operations December 2013

EXCLUDING TYPE 1 ADJUSTMENTS FOR NORMALIZING HYDRO & WEATHER

		(1) Unadjusted Results	(2) Type 1 Adjustments	(3) Total Adjusted Actual Results	(4) Type 1 NPC Adjustments	(5) Total Adjusted Actual Results Less Type 1 NPC Adjustments
1	Operating Revenues:					
2	General Business Revenues	1,251,098,728	(51,747,443)	1,199,261,285	25,169,138	1,224,430,423
3	Interdepartmental	-	-	-		-
4	Special Sales	80,150,268	•	80,150,268		80,150,268
5	Other Operating Revenues	47,988,391	(8,311,551)	39,676,840		39,676,840
6	Total Operating Revenues	1,379,147,387	(50,058,994)	1,319,088,393	25,169,138	1,344,257,531
7						
8	Operating Expenses:	010 605 000	4 6/5 5145	000 000 007		
9	Steam Production	278,626,450	1,865,747	280,492,197		280,492,197
10	Nuclear Production	-	-	-		-
11	Hydro Production	10,233,023	(17,632)	16,215,391	17.234.055	10,215,391
12	Other Power Supply Transmission	269,116,030 50,007,807	(17,230,787)	251,885,243 49,650,390	17,234,000	269,119,299
13	Transmission Distribution		(357,417)			49,650,390
14		68,954,070 31,582,009	(533) (54,965)	68,953,537 31,527,0 44		68,953,537 31,527,044
15	Customer Accounting Customer Service		(26,450,535)	3,481,885		3,481,885
16 17	Customer Service Sales	29,932,419	(20,430,335)	3,701,005		
17	Sales Administrative & General	49,624,465	(709,885)	48,914,580		48,914,580
XX 30	WONITING TO STAR OF GRADER OF	75,027,40.5	(103,003)	-0,717,70	······································	-10,511,500
19	Total O&M Expenses	788,076,274	(42,956,006)	745,120,268	17,234,055	762,354,323
XX	Denne det	128 766 666	18,945,445	177 765 464		4 M M M M A A A A
20	Depreciation	158,756,659		177,703,103		177,703,103
21	Amortization	12,161,436	907,634	13,069,069		13,069,069
22	Taxes Other Than Income Income Taxes - Federal	65,248,483	-	65,248,483	0 647 4F1	65,248,483
23		34,222,515	(11,306,097)	22,916,417	2,647,452	25,563,870
24	Income Taxes - State	7,040,332	(1,536,311)	5,504,022	359,745	5,863,766
25	Income Taxes - Def Net	46,332,354	1,882,018	48,214,372		48,214,372
26	Investment Tax Credit Adj.	-	-	- (02.646)		-
27	Misc Revenue & Expense	39,895	(72,735)	(32,840)	······	(32,840)
XX		4 554 077 047	104 100 000	4 072 742 063	20.044.252	
28	Total Operating Expenses:	1,111,877,947	(34,135,054)	1,077,742,893	20,241,253	1,097,984,146
29			(35 032 010)		4 007 000	
30	Operating Rev For Returns	267,269,440	(25,923,940)	241,345,500	4,927,886	246,273,385
31						
32	Rate Base:					.
33	Electric Plant In Service	6,428,200,278	1,474,379	6,429,674,657		6,429,674,657
34	Plant Held for Future Use	14,480,934	(14,480,934)	(0)		(0)
35	Misc Deferred Debits	22,152,819	-	22,152,819		22,152,819
36	Elec Plant Acq Adj	10,987,378	0	10,987,378		10,987,378
37	Nuclear Fuel	•	•	-		
36	Prepayments	8,996,984	-	8,995,934		8,995,984
39	Fuel Stock	63,366,915	-	63,366,915		63,366,915
40	Material & Supplies	59,030,921		59,030,921		59,030,921
41	Working Capital	21,125,873	(1,225,751)	19,900,121	444,650	20,344,771
42	Weatherization Loans	(1,191)	-	(1,191)		(1,191)
43	Misc Rate Base			-		·
xx						
44	Total Electric Plant:	6,628,340,911	(14,232,307)	6,614,108,605	444,650	6,614,553,254
45						
46	Rate Base Deductions:	<i>(</i>				
47	Accum Prov For Deprec	(2,183,675,087)	(53,400,478)	(2,237,076,565)		(2,237,076,565)
48	Accum Prov For Amort	(139,124,828)	(2,222,598)	(141,347,427)		(141,347,427)
49	Accum Def Income Tax	(990,747,501)	(5,188,075)	(995,935,576)		(995,935,576)
50	Unamortized ITC	(1,158,146)	-	(1,158,146)		(1,158,146)
51	Customer Adv For Const	(8,206,850)	3,729,705	(4,477,14 4)		(4,477,144)
52	Customer Service Deposits	· •	-	-		•
53	Misc Rate Base Deductions	(21,718,999)		(21,718,999)	·	(21,718,999)
54						
55	Total Rate Base Deductions	(3,344,632,411)	(57,081,446)	(3,401,713,857)	-	(3,401,713,857)
56						
57	Total Rate Base:	3,283,708,500	(71,313,752)	3,212,394,748	444,650	3,212,839,397
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5 9	Return on Rate Base	8.139%		7.513%		7.665%
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60	Return on Equity	10.701%	-1,194%	9.506%		9.797%

(1) Type 1 adjustments involve normalization for out of period historic and unusual items that occur during the test period.