

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON

UE 263

In the Matter of

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,

Request for a General Rate Revision.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: ORDER NO. 13-474 AMENDED

We amend Order No. 13-474 as requested in the unopposed motion filed by PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power.¹ We modify our previous order to “allow PacifiCorp to make the 2021 Transition Adjustment Mechanism (TAM) filing on the same date as the general rate case filing if that date is before March 1, 2020.”²

PacifiCorp’s motion requests a one-time modification to the TAM Guidelines that we last addressed in Order No. 13-474. The language in the TAM Guidelines provides that PacifiCorp should file its 2021 TAM on March 1, and PacifiCorp prefers to file the TAM sixteen days earlier, on February 14, 2020 with its general rate case.³ PacifiCorp describes procedures surrounding the TAM and general principles of efficiency that support concurrent filing of the TAM with a general rate case.

PacifiCorp responded to a bench request that asked whether a broader, permanent change to the TAM Guideline at issue would provide more clarity on the timing of future TAM filings. PacifiCorp explained that it consulted with the parties and they determined that further discussion of substantial changes to net power cost guidelines will occur in the upcoming general rate case filing, and do not need to be made with the instant motion. PacifiCorp still requests the one-time change so it may file its TAM on February 14.⁴

¹ PacifiCorp states that the following parties do not oppose the modification: Commission Staff; the Oregon Citizens’ Utility Board (CUB); the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (AWEC); and Calpine Energy Solutions, LLC (Calpine) (collectively the parties).

² PacifiCorp Motion to Amend at 2 (Jan 21, 2020) (quoted language is PacifiCorp’s requested change to Order No. 13-474).

³ *Id.*

⁴ Joint Response to Administrative Law Judge Bench Request and Ruling (Feb 7, 2020).

For good cause shown, PacifiCorp's motion is granted. ORS 756.568 authorizes the Commission, upon notice to the utility and an opportunity to be heard, to rescind, suspend, or amend any order made by the Commission. In similar situations we have granted motions to amend when parties to a stipulation have sought to change specific terms of their agreement due to changed circumstances or for clarity as time passes.⁵ In this instance, the parties agree to amend previous language to allow for the simultaneous February filing of the TAM and general rate case. The parties have further agreed to consider broader changes to this TAM guideline in the rate case proceeding. We find the parties' agreements are reasonable and will allow for procedural efficiency and extra time for substantive review of net power cost inputs.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The motion to amend filed by PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power, is granted.
2. Order No. 13-474 is modified to add the following ordering paragraph:
 - "4. PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power, is allowed to make the 2021 Transition Adjustment Mechanism filing on the same date as the general rate case if that date is before March 1, 2020."

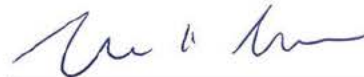
Made, entered, and effective Feb 11 2020.



Megan W. Decker
Chair



Letha Tawney
Commissioner



Mark Thompson
Commissioner



⁵ *In the Matter of NW Natural Gas Co., Motion to Amend Order Approving Stipulation and Application Regarding Accounting Treatment of System Integrity Program*, Docket No. UM 1406, Order No. 11-337 (Aug 30, 2011); *In the Matter of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Application for Authorization to Acquire Cascade Natural Gas Corp.*, Docket No. UM 1283, Order No. 07-320 (Jul 25, 2007); *In the Matter of Idaho Power Co., Application for Authority to Implement a Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism for Electric Service to Customers in the State of Oregon*, Docket No. UE 195, Order No. 09-373 (Sep 18, 2009).

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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.