

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 463

In the Matter of

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,

Advice No. 25-015, Schedule 401 – Service
to New Large Energy Use Facilities.

MODIFIED
PROTECTIVE
ORDER

DISPOSITION: MOTION FOR MODIFIED PROTECTIVE ORDER GRANTED

On June 10, 2026, PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power, filed a motion for a modified protective order. In Commission proceedings, a party may seek a modified protective order to impose “specialized restrictions on access to certain highly confidential information.”¹ A modified protective order “may limit the persons that may access the highly protected information, or designate the time or place or special handling for highly protected information.”²

PacifiCorp states in its motion that it seeks a modified protective order to protect highly confidential information which may include PacifiCorp’s contract negotiation positions; potential contract terms; customer-specific information that customers consider commercially sensitive, such as load forecasts or load parameters; and other commercially sensitive or proprietary information. PacifiCorp states that if disclosed, this information could compromise parties’ contracting positions in ongoing or future negotiations related to data center developments and contracts for electricity service. Moreover, it states, improper disclosure could also undermine the trust of utilities and the data center industry in the confidentiality of negotiations regarding data center developments in Oregon.

PacifiCorp states that it conferred with parties regarding the motion and that, to its knowledge, no party objects.

¹ OAR 860-001-0080(1).

² OAR 860-001-0080(3).

I find PacifiCorp's filing includes the elements required by OAR 860-001-0080(3) and that it has established a legal basis for additional protections under OAR 860-001-0080(3). Thus, I will issue the modified protective order, which is attached as Appendix A.

As requested, I issue this protective order on an expedited basis pursuant to OAR 860-001-0080(3)(c). This expedited action does not foreclose a party from seeking *de novo* review of this modified protective order under OAR 860-001-0080(3)(d)&(e). No information that was produced under the modified protective order in the interim will be released publicly without going through the process for objections to designations specified in the order itself.

Made, entered, and effective Jun 11, 2026.



Katharine Mapes
Administrative Law Judge



MODIFIED PROTECTIVE ORDER

DOCKET NO. UE 463

Scope of this Order:

1. This order supplements General Protective Order No. 23-132 and governs the acquisition and use of “Highly Protected Information” produced or used by any party to docket UE 463. Access to Highly Protected Information shall be limited to qualifying persons bound by this Modified Protective Order (“HPI Qualified Persons”).

Designation of Protected Information and “Highly Protected Information”:

2. Any party may designate as Highly Protected Information any information the party reasonably determines:
 - (a) Falls within the scope of ORCP 36 C(1) (a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information);
 - (b) Is not publicly available; and
 - (c) Is not adequately protected by the general protective order.
3. To designate information as Highly Protected Information, a party must place the following legend on the material:

HIGHLY PROTECTED INFORMATION
SUBJECT TO MODIFIED PROTECTIVE ORDER NO. 26-___

The party should make reasonable efforts to designate as Highly Protected Information only the portions of the information that satisfies paragraph 2 of this Modified Protective Order.

4. For a filing containing Highly Protected Information, a Highly Protected version and a public version of the document must be created and filed with the Filing Center. The Highly Protected versions of documents shall be grouped together and should be clearly marked as Highly Confidential. The Commission’s Filing Center receives files electronically outside of the Huddle program. For discovery exchanged using Huddle or a different discovery platform adopted by the Commission in the future that contains Highly Protected Information, the file should be uploaded to a file folder designated “Highly Protected.” Highly Protected versions of filings and Highly Protected Information not distributed by the Filing Center or exchanged through Huddle or a different discovery platform adopted by the Commission in the future shall be provided to HPI Qualified Persons in a password protected and encrypted electronic ZIP file or through a secure cloud-based storage service.
5. A party may designate as Highly Protected Information any information previously provided by giving written notice to the Commission and other parties. Parties in possession of newly designated Highly Protected Information must make reasonable efforts to ensure that all copies of the material containing the information bear the above legend if requested by the designating party.

6. A designating party must make reasonable efforts to ensure that information designated as Highly Protected Information continues to warrant protection under this order. If designated information becomes publicly available or no longer falls within the scope of ORCP 36 C(1), the designating party should make reasonable efforts to remove the protected designation and provide written notice to the Commission and other parties.

Challenge to Designation of Information as Highly Protected:

7. A party may informally challenge any designation of Highly Protected Information by notifying the designating party. Once notified, the designating party bears the burden of showing that the challenged information is covered by ORCP 36 C(1) and that the “Highly Protected Information” designation is necessary.
8. If the dispute cannot be resolved informally, the challenging party may file a written objection with the Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”). The objection need only identify the information in dispute and certify that reasonable efforts to achieve informal resolution have failed.
9. Within five business days of service of the objection, the designating party must either remove the challenged protected designation or file a written response. A written response must identify the factual and legal basis of how the challenged information is covered by ORCP 36 C(1), including how it is protected under the Oregon Public Records Act, ORS 192.311 *et seq.*, or the Uniform Trade Secrets Act, ORS 646.461(4). Broad allegations unsubstantiated by specific facts are not sufficient. If the designating party does not timely respond to the objection, the Commission will remove the protected designation from the challenged information.
10. The challenging party may file a written reply to any response within five business days of service of an objection. The designating party may file a sur-reply within three business days of service of a response. The ALJ will make all reasonable efforts to resolve the matter within ten business days of service of the last filing.

Access to Highly Protected Information

11. Only HPI Qualified Persons may access Highly Protected Information designated by another party. Qualified Persons under General Protective Order No. 23-132 are not HPI Qualified Persons under this Modified Protective Order except as provided in Paragraphs 11 to 13 herein.

Persons automatically bound by this protective order and qualified to access Highly Protected Information are:

- (a) Commission employees; and
 - (b) Assistant Attorneys General assigned to represent the Commission.
12. Persons qualified to access Highly Protected Information upon a party signing the Signatory Page for Highly Protective Information, Appendix B, are:

- (a) An employee or counsel of PacifiCorp who signs the Signatory Page for Highly Protective Information, Appendix B;
 - (b) An employee or counsel of the Regulatory Division at the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board who signs the Signatory Page for Highly Protective Information, Appendix B; or
 - (c) A counsel or consultant of any other party that is not a utility or an existing or prospective large load customer of a utility who signs the Signatory Page for Highly Protective Information, Appendix B, unless the designating party or any other party objects within five business days of service of the Signatory Page to all other parties as provided in Paragraph 14.
13. A party bound by this Modified Protective Order may seek to qualify other persons to access certain specific Highly Protected Information by having those persons complete and sign Appendix C, and submitting that information to the designating party and the Commission. Within five business days of receiving a copy of Appendix C, the designating party or any other party must file an objection under paragraph 14 or access will be provided.
- Objection to Access to Protected Information:**
14. All HPI Qualified Persons will have access to Highly Protected Information unless the designating party or any other party objects as provided in this paragraph. As soon as the designating party or any other party becomes aware of reasons to restrict access to a HPI Qualified Person, or objects to a person seeking qualification under Paragraphs 12(c) or 13, the designating party must provide the person and his or her counsel notice stating the basis for the objection. The parties must promptly confer and attempt to resolve the dispute on an informal basis.
15. If the parties are unable to resolve the matter informally, the objecting party must file a written objection with the ALJ within three business days after the conclusion of conferral. The requesting party may file a response to the motion within five business days of service of an objection. The ALJ will make all reasonable efforts to resolve the matter within ten business days of the last filing. Pending the ALJ's decision, the specific Highly Protected Information may not be disclosed to the person subject to the objection.

Highly Protected versions of filings or Highly Protected Information that has been previously filed or exchanged shall be provided to HPI Qualified Persons in a password protected and encrypted electronic ZIP file or through Huddle or another discovery portal approved by the Commission as described in Paragraph 4.

- Use of Protected Information:**
16. All HPI Qualified Persons must take reasonable precautions to keep Highly Protected Information secure. HPI Qualified Persons may reproduce Highly Protected Information only to the extent necessary to participate in these proceedings. A HPI Qualified Person may discuss Highly Protected Information obtained under this order only with other HPI Qualified Persons who have obtained the same information under this order.

17. Without the written permission of the designating party and any other party with designated protected information, any HPI Qualified Person may not disclose Highly Protected Information for any purpose other than participating in these proceedings.
18. Nothing in this protective order precludes any party from independently seeking through discovery in any other administrative or judicial proceeding information or materials produced in this proceeding under this protective order.
19. Counsel of record may retain memoranda, pleadings, testimony, discovery, or other documents containing Highly Protected Information to the extent reasonably necessary to maintain a file of these proceedings or to comply with requirements imposed by another governmental agency or court order. Any other person retaining Highly Protected Information must destroy it or return it to the designating party within 90 days after final resolution of these proceedings unless the designating party consents in writing to retention of the Highly Protected Information. This paragraph does not apply to the Commission or its Staff.

Duration of Protection:

20. The Commission will preserve the designation of information as Highly Protected Information for a period of five years from the date of the final order in these proceedings, unless extended by the Commission at the request of the designating party. The Commission will notify the designating party at least two weeks prior to the release of Highly Protected Information.

CONSENT TO BE BOUND AND SIGNATORY PAGE
DOCKET NO. UE 463

I. Consent to be Bound:

_____ (Party) agrees to be bound by the terms of this Modified Protective Order.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

II. Persons Qualified pursuant to Paragraph 12: Highly Protected Information

I have read the Modified Protective Order and agree to be bound by the terms of the order.

I certify that:

I understand that ORS 756.990(2) allows the Commission to impose monetary sanctions if a party subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission violates an order of the Commission.

The party I am associated with has a legitimate and non-competitive need for the Highly Confidential Information for this proceeding and not simply a general interest in the information, and I have a specific need for access to the Highly Confidential Information for purposes of this matter and not for use as competitive information.

By: Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Employer: _____

Job Title: _____

By: Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Employer: _____

Job Title: _____

III. Persons Seeking Qualification under Paragraph 13:

I have read the modified protective order, agree to be bound by the terms of the order, and provide the following information to seek access to certain specific information designated as Highly Confidential Information.

Signature:		Date:
Printed Name:		
Physical Address:		
Email Address:		
Employer:		
Associated Party:		
Job Title:		
If not employee of party, description of practice and clients:		
I seek access to the following specific information designated as Highly Protected Information for the following reasons and affirm I shall not use the information for competitive reasons:		