

ORDER NO. 00-281

ENTERED MAY 31 2000

This is an electronic copy. Attachments may not appear.

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 884

In the Matter of the Application of)	
PacifiCorp for an Order Authorizing a)	ORDER
Change in Depreciation Rates)	
Applicable to Electric Property.)	

DISPOSITION: NEW DEPRECIATION RATES ESTABLISHED

On January 8, 1998, PacifiCorp filed an application for depreciation rate changes. On March 18, 1998, a prehearing conference was held and a schedule was set. This schedule was amended twice, on April 21, 1998 and May 11, 1998, to accommodate the parties. On January 11, 2000, a second prehearing conference was held. Settlement conferences between PacifiCorp and Staff occurred on February 3 and 17, 2000. These conferences resulted in a stipulated agreement between the parties, which was filed on April 21, 2000. The stipulated agreement is attached as Appendix A and incorporated by reference.

Parties to PacifiCorp's general rate case (UE 111) were served with copies of the January 11, 2000, prehearing conference memorandum. This memorandum set forth the schedule for the settlement conference and informed the parties that the results of this docket would be used in UE 111. None of the parties to UE 111 or this docket filed objections.

PacifiCorp had requested an increase in annual depreciation expense of approximately \$29 million. Agreements reached between Staff and PacifiCorp, reflected in the stipulation, reduced the request for increased depreciation expense to approximately \$9.8 million. PacifiCorp requested a change in authorized depreciation rates applicable to its electric plant for accounting purposes only.

We have reviewed the stipulation and find it to be fair and reasonable. It should be approved.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the stipulation between PacifiCorp and Staff, appended to this order as Appendix A, is approved.

Made, entered, and effective _____.

Ron Eachus
Chairman

Roger Hamilton
Commissioner

Joan H. Smith
Commissioner

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 to a court pursuant to ORS 756.580.