

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 356

In the Matter of

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,

2020 Transition Adjustment Mechanism.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: ORDER NO. 19-351 AMENDED

We amend Order No. 19-351 as requested in the unopposed motion filed by PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power. We modify our previous order to allow for testimony and a Commissioner workshop in the 2021 Transition Adjustment Mechanism (TAM) proceeding, rather than the previously ordered update to the Jim Bridger fuel plan.

PacifiCorp's motion requests striking the language in Order No. 19-351 that requires an update to the Jim Bridger Fuel Plan. Instead, PacifiCorp asks to include testimony in the 2021 Transition Adjustment Mechanism (TAM) on Jim Bridger fueling and to participate in a Commission workshop after filing the 2021 TAM. PacifiCorp states that at the workshop it could provide information on minimum take penalties, and the flexibility of the fueling arrangements with company-owned and third-party coal suppliers in light of earlier end of life dates. PacifiCorp explains that it's difficult to update the fuel plan document when Jim Bridger closure dates are currently not aligned with PacifiCorp's 2019 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) identifying 2023 and 2028 end of life dates for units 1 and 2 respectively, and Idaho Power Company's IRP identifying 2022 and 2026. Idaho Power's portfolio dates are subject to ongoing supplemental analysis in docket LC 74.

PacifiCorp explained that the stipulating parties to the 2020 TAM do not oppose the motion: Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (AWEC); the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB); Calpine Energy Solutions, LLC (Calpine Solutions); and Commission Staff. No party filed a response to PacifiCorp's motion.

For good cause shown, PacifiCorp's motion is granted. We find that testimony and a Commissioner workshop are easily interchangeable with our previously-ordered directive for an update to the fuel plan. Testimony and a workshop will meet our goals to review updated information, and a workshop has the additional benefit of allowing for Commissioner questions and a dialogue about fuel planning.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The motion to amend filed by PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power, is granted.
2. The final sentence of the body of Order No. 19-351 is amended to read:

“PacifiCorp is directed to ~~update its~~ provide updated testimony in the 2021 Transition Adjustment Mechanism on its Jim Bridger fueling arrangements plan and to participate in an associated Commissioner workshop, in light of earlier end-of-life dates, with explanations of how PacifiCorp is planning ahead for flexible fueling arrangements to avoid minimum take penalties such as the penalties PacifiCorp incurred for lower volumes of coal deliveries at the Naughton plant in this TAM.¹”

3. Ordering paragraph 5 of Order No. 19-351 is amended to read:

“PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power, shall include the following additional information in its 2021 Transition Adjustment Mechanism filing: expanded Production Tax Credit forecast and calculation; explanation of components in wholesale sales and multi-year trends; and updated Jim Bridger plant fueling information and an associated workshop ~~analysis and explanation of fuel plans~~ in light of changing end-of-life dates.”

¹ PAC/200, Ralston/8.

4. The remainder of the order remains unchanged.

Made, entered, and effective Jan 22 2020.



Megan W. Decker
Chair



Letha Tawney
Commissioner



Mark R. Thompson
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.