

July 27, 2018

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
201 High Street SE, Suite 100
Salem, OR 97301-3398

Attn: Filing Center

RE: UM____— Application for Approval of Deferred Accounting for a Balancing Account Related to PacifiCorp’s Transportation Electrification Program

PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power submits for filing its Application for Approval of Deferred Accounting for a Balancing Account Related to PacifiCorp’s Transportation Electrification Program.

PacifiCorp respectfully requests that all communications related to this filing be addressed to:

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Additionally, PacifiCorp requests that all formal information requests regarding this matter be addressed to:

By E-mail (preferred): datarequest@pacificorp.com

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Portland, OR 97232

Informal inquiries may be directed to Natasha Siores, Manager, Regulatory Affairs, at (503) 813-6583.

Sincerely,



Etta Lockey
Vice President, Regulation

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM _____

In the Matter of

PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC POWER

Application for Approval of Deferred Accounting
for a Balancing Account Related to PacifiCorp's
Transportation Electrification Program.

**APPLICATION FOR DEFERRED
ACCOUNTING**

I. INTRODUCTION

In accordance with Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 757.259(2)(e) and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 860-027-0300, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power submits this application to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) for an order authorizing the company to establish and maintain a balancing account to record the deferral of program costs and revenues related to PacifiCorp's Transportation Electrification Program (TE Program). PacifiCorp proposes to record in the balancing account the costs associated with the TE Program as described in the company's application filed per OAR 860-087-0030 and approved by the Commission in Order No. 18-075 in docket UM 1810.¹ In addition, PacifiCorp will record in the balancing account the revenue collected from a tariff rider recovering the cost of the TE Program, and the revenue and credits from charging stations and the Oregon Clean Fuels Program related to the TE Program.

II. NOTICE

Communications regarding this application should be addressed to:

¹ *In the Matter of PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power Application for Transportation Electrification Programs*, Docket No. UM 1810, Order No. 18-075 (Feb. 27, 2018).

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III. BACKGROUND

In compliance with OAR 860-087-0030, PacifiCorp filed an application proposing approval of programs to accelerate transportation electrification on December 27, 2016, with a supplemental application and supporting testimony filed on April 12, 2017.² PacifiCorp's TE Program is comprised of three pilot programs: the Public Charging Pilot, the Outreach and Education Pilot, and the Demonstration and Development Pilot. The company's proposed TE Program application was approved by the Commission in Order No. 18-075. In its application, PacifiCorp proposed cost recovery of the TE Program through Schedule 95, Pilot Program Cost Adjustment, along with the use of a balancing account to track actual costs and revenue collections.

² *Id* at 2.

PacifiCorp will be filing a tariff advice to implement cost recovery of the TE Program through Schedule 95, Pilot Program Cost Adjustment. The tariff advice filing will note that the rate schedule will operate as a cost-of-service automatic adjustment clause, to allow for adjustments to rates based on actual over- or under- collected amounts. The company files this deferral application to obtain approval for the deferred accounting necessary to establish a balancing account to enable the use of a cost-of-service automatic adjustment clause.

IV. DEFERRAL OF COSTS

PacifiCorp respectfully requests authorization under ORS 757.259(2)(e) to establish and maintain a balancing account to record costs and credits related to the company's TE Program, along with related interest at the Modified Blended Treasury Rate, consistent with the treatment of interest rates described in Order No. 08-263 as modified by Order No. 10-279.

As required by OAR 860-027-0300(3), PacifiCorp provides the following:

A. Description of Utility Expense

PacifiCorp proposes to establish and maintain a balancing account to record the costs related to its TE Program, the collection of cost recovery through Schedule 95, the collection of revenues from public charging stations established under the TE Program, the receipt of monetized credits from the Oregon Clean Fuels Program, and related interest. The use of a cost-of-service automatic adjustment clause and balancing account will ensure that PacifiCorp's TE Program cost recovery under Schedule 95 will not under- or over-collect amounts related to the TE Program.

PacifiCorp anticipates the following costs related to the TE Program, as agreed to by stipulating parties and approved by the Commission in docket UM 1810. PacifiCorp notes

that at the time of the TE Program application, these costs were anticipated to occur from fourth quarter of 2017 through the end of 2019. Due to a longer than expected procedural schedule in UM 1810, these costs are now anticipated to occur from mid-2018 through 2020.

**PacifiCorp TE Program – Total Budget
(\$000s)**

	2017	2018	2019	Total
Public Charging Pilot	\$50.0	\$780.0	\$1,020.0	\$1,850.0
Outreach & Education Pilot	\$177.5	\$330.0	\$330.0	\$837.5
Demonstration & Development Pilot	\$295.0	\$695.0	\$695.0	\$1,685.0
Other [a]	\$57.5	\$105.0	\$105.0	\$267.5
Total	\$580.0	\$1,910.0	\$2,150.0	\$4,640.0

[a] Other includes costs for the attribution model/cost effectiveness framework and a pilot study of system impacts of residential electric vehicles. See Order No. 18-075, Appendix A at 6.

PacifiCorp notes that the Public Charging Pilot includes costs related to charging station equipment and installation and program administration that will be classified as capital expenses.³ For purposes of developing the rates for Schedule 95 to recover the company’s TE Program costs and for recording in the proposed balancing account, PacifiCorp will calculate a revenue requirement for these capital costs, which will include both a return of and return on investment of these capital costs, consistent with ORS 757.357(5)(a).

B. Reasons for Deferral

ORS 757.259(2)(e) allows the deferral of identifiable utility expenses in order to minimize the frequency of rate changes or the fluctuation of rate levels or to match appropriately the costs borne and received by customers. In this application, PacifiCorp seeks the use of a balancing account to match the costs borne and benefits received by customers.

³ Order No. 18-075, Appendix A at 2.

C. Proposed Accounting

If this application is approved, PacifiCorp will record deferred TE Program expense amounts by crediting FERC account 906, Customer Service and Informational Expenses, and debiting the TE Program balancing account, in FERC Account 182.3, Other Regulatory Assets. The deferral balance will be reduced monthly by the amount collected under Schedule 95 recovering TE Program costs. In addition, revenues from public charging stations and monetized credits from the Oregon Clean Fuels Program related to the TE Program will be credited to the proposed TE Program balancing account. A carrying charge calculated at the current Modified Blended Treasury rate will be recorded each month on the deferral balance. If this application is denied, the cost of the TE Program will remain in FERC account 906 and the revenues from public charging stations and monetized credits from the Oregon Clean Fuels Program related to the TE Program will be recorded in FERC account 456, Other Electric Revenues.

D. Estimate of Amounts

PacifiCorp will file an advice letter for approval to recover the costs associated with the TE Program through Schedule 95, Pilot Program Cost Adjustment. The tariff advice filing will note that the rate schedule will operate as a cost-of-service automatic adjustment clause, to allow for adjustments to rates based on actual over- or under- collected amounts. The proposed rates will be designed to collect initial TE Program costs over a 12 month period. As mentioned above, deferred costs associated with the TE Program will be recorded in the proposed balancing account and will be offset monthly by the amount collected for the TE Program through Schedule 95 along with interested calculated at the Modified Blended Treasury Rate. In addition, revenues collected from the TE Program public charging stations and monetized credits from the Oregon Clean Fuel Program will be credited to the proposed

balancing account. Generally, it is expected that the balancing account will zero out over time.

E. Notice

A copy of the Notice of Application and a list of persons served with the notice are attached as Exhibit A to this application.

V. CONCLUSION

PacifiCorp respectfully requests that, in accordance with ORS 757.259(2)(e), the Commission authorize the company to establish and maintain a balancing account related to PacifiCorp's TE Program to record costs, amortization through Schedule 95, charging station revenues, Oregon Clean Fuel Program credits and interest.

Respectfully submitted this 27th day of July, 2018.

By:



Matthew McVee
Chief Regulatory Counsel
PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power

Exhibit A

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**NOTICE OF
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On July 27, 2018, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) for an order authorizing the company to establish and maintain a balancing account to record the deferral of program costs and revenues related to PacifiCorp's Transportation Electrification Programs. The granting of this application will not authorize a change in rates, but will permit the Commission to consider allowing such deferred amounts in rates in a subsequent proceeding. To obtain a copy of the application, contact the following:

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Any person who wishes to submit written comments to the Commission must do so within 25 days of the date of PacifiCorp's application.

Respectfully submitted on July 27, 2018.

By:



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Chief Regulatory Counsel

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I electronically filed a true and correct copy of PacifiCorp's **Application for Approval of Deferred Accounting for a Balancing Account Related to PacifiCorp's Transportation Electrification Program** on the parties listed below via electronic mail in compliance with OAR 860-001-0180.

Service List UE 263

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Dated July 27, 2018.



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