

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 399, UM 1964, UM 2063, UM 2134, UM 2142, UM 2167, UM 2185, UM 2186, UM 2201

In the Matter of

PACIFICORP dba PACIFIC POWER,

Request for General Rate Revision

Application for Approval of Deferred Accounting for a Balancing Account Related to the Transportation Electrification Program (UM 1964),

Application for Deferred Accounting of Costs Associated with the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (UM 2063),

Application to Defer Costs Relating to Cedar Springs II (UM 2134),

Application for Approval of Deferred Accounting for Cholla Unit 4-Related Property Tax Expense (UM 2142),

Application for Approval of Deferred Accounting for Revenues Associated with Renewable Energy Credits from Pryor Mountain, (UM 2167),

Application for Approval of Deferred Accounting and Accounting Order Related to Non-Contributory Defined Benefit Pension Plans (UM 2185),

Application for Approval of Deferred Accounting for Costs Relating to a Renewable Resource Pursuant to ORS 469A.120 (UM 2186), and

Alliance of Western Energy Consumers, Application for an Accounting Order Requiring PacifiCorp to Defer Fly Ash Revenues (UM 2201).

STAFF REPLY TO PACIFICORP RESPONSE
TO BENCH REQUEST

On May 13, 2022, Administrative Law Judge Lackey issued Bench Requests 4-6 to

PacifiCorp, indicating parties may file replies to PacifiCorp's response by June 10, 2022. The

1 bench requests were issued for the purpose of facilitating a comprehensive understanding of
2 changes to the company's rates occurring through the year, and to obtain information concerning
3 the effects of amortizations and adjustment mechanisms outside of base rates.

4 Staff also seeks to understand this general rate case filing in the context of currently
5 effective, potential and proposed rate adjustments. On review of PacifiCorp's response to Bench
6 Request Nos. 4 and 5, Staff has one concern in particular. Where a percentage rate change was
7 requested, the response does not identify how the percentage change was calculated or provide
8 the percentage with and without including power costs. PacifiCorp's response to Bench Request
9 No. 4 references Exhibit PAC/1110, which shows an increase with and without added schedules,
10 but does not show an increase with and without power costs. Staff believes it would be helpful
11 in understanding the values to have both percentages identified and the calculation explained. In
12 addition, a reconciliation of the proposed base rate revenue to the overall proposed general
13 business revenues in Exhibit PAC/1002, Cheung/6 would be helpful in identifying the overall
14 proposed increase.

15 In addition to reviewing PacifiCorp's response to Bench Requests 4-6, Staff has issued its
16 own discovery requests related to rate impacts. Staff plans to incorporate responsive
17 information, as appropriate, in Staff testimony in this proceeding.

18 DATED this 10th day of June 2022.

19 Respectfully submitted,

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