

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 374

In the Matter of
PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,
Request for a General Rate Revision.

RULING

**DISPOSITION: EXPEDITED MOTION TO CLARIFY PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
GRANTED**

On June 29, 2020, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon filed a motion to amend the procedural schedule in this docket which was granted by ruling on June 30, 2020. On July 7, 2020, Staff filed a motion to clarify the resulting procedural schedule, explaining that, in its initial motion to amend, Staff sought to move the deadline for Staff and Intervenor Rebuttal and Cross Answering Testimony on Coal Decommissioning Costs and the Independent Evaluator Report from July 24, 2020 to July 17, 2020, but retain the existing July 24, 2020 deadline for Staff and Intervenor Rebuttal and Cross Answering Testimony on remaining issues. Accordingly, Staff seeks to clarify that the procedural schedule maintains the July 24, 2020 deadline, which was omitted from the table summarizing the remaining procedural schedule included in the June 30, 2020 ruling.

Additionally, Staff seeks to clarify two additional procedural items that arose in discussing this motion with the other parties. First, Staff seeks to clarify that the July 24, 2020 deadline will apply to Staff and Intervenor testimony regarding the issue of whether Coal Decommissioning Costs should be non-bypassable in transition charges, raised by Oregon Citizen's Utility Board (CUB). Second, Staff seeks to clarify that because Alliance of Western Energy Coalition (AWEC) addressed Coal Decommissioning Costs in its opening testimony, and PacifiCorp responded in its reply testimony, AWEC's response to PacifiCorp's reply testimony on that issue will be due on July 24, 2020.¹ Staff represents that Staff conferred with all parties to this proceeding, and did not receive any objections prior to filing. No party filed a response by the July 8, 2020 deadline established by ruling.

Staff is correct that the June 30, 2020 ruling was not intended to alter the existing July 24, 2020 deadline for Staff and Intervenor Rebuttal and Cross Answering Testimony on issues other than Coal Decommissioning Costs and the Independent Evaluators Report.

¹ AWEC's response to the Independent Evaluator's Report will remain subject to the July 17, 2020 deadline.

Additionally, I find good cause to grant Staff's motion with respect to the remaining clarifications. The procedural schedule for this proceeding as clarified is set forth below.

Event	Date
Settlement Conference ²	July 14-15, 2020
Staff and Intervenor Rebuttal Testimony and Cross Answering Testimony on Coal Decommissioning Costs and Independent Evaluator Report	July 17, 2020
Staff and Intervenor Rebuttal Testimony and Cross Answering Testimony on All Other Issues ³	July 24, 2020
Company Surrebuttal Testimony on All Issues	August 14, 2020
Pre-Hearing Briefs, Cross-Examination Statements, and Exhibits (all parties)	August 31, 2020
Hearing	September 9-10, 2020
Company Opening Brief	September 28, 2020
Staff and Intervenor Opening Briefs	October 12, 2020
Company Closing Brief ⁴	October 19, 2020
Oral Argument	November 3, 2020
Commission Order (target)	December 16, 2020
Rates Effective	January 1, 2021

Dated this 9th day of July, 2020 at Salem, Oregon.

Alison Lackey
Administrative Law Judge

² Workshop/Settlement conference dates are included in the schedule for the parties' convenience. The parties do not need Commission approval to reschedule workshops or settlement conferences.

³ Including responses to Oregon Citizens' Utility Board's proposal that decommissioning costs should be non-bypassable in transition charges and rebuttal testimony from AWEC on Coal Decommissioning Costs.

⁴ Staff and Intervenor may file briefs on the same date, limited to rebuttal of issues raised in the opening briefs of parties other than the company.