

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 217

In the Matter of

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER

Request for a General Rate Revision.

BENCH REQUEST

After reviewing the stipulation and supporting materials filed in this proceeding on July 12, 2010, we find that additional clarification from the parties¹ would assist the Commission in its review of the stipulation. The proponents of the stipulation are asked to provide responses to the following questions by **September 10, 2010**.

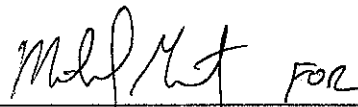
1. The chart at Joint Testimony/100, Joint Parties/17 provides a helpful roadmap to the stipulating parties' proposed increase in Pacific Power's revenue requirement. Items 5 (Other Transmission Investment), 6 (Hydro Investment), 8 (Steam Turbine Upgrades), and 9 (Other Revenue Requirement Components), are not explicitly described in the stipulation or in the supporting joint testimony, despite representing approximately 18 percent of the proposed revenue requirement increase. Please point to pre-filed testimony and/or exhibits that would allow the Commission to understand what each of these line items represents.² Alternatively, the parties are directed to provide supplemental testimony sufficient to allow the Commission to understand what each of these items represents.

¹ The parties to the stipulation are: PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power (Pacific Power); Public Utility Commission of Oregon Staff; the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon; the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities; Wal-Mart Stores and Sam's West, Inc.; Fred Meyer Stores and Quality Food Centers, divisions of the Kroger Company; and Sequoia Partners LLC; (the Stipulating Parties).

² For "Hydro Investment," for example, Pacific Power's pretrial brief notes that the Company's filing includes hydro investments to conform to relicensing agreements for the Lewis River and North Umpqua hydro systems. See Pretrial Brief at 4 (Mar 1, 2010). Testimony addressing these upgrades may well be found in the Stipulating Parties' pre-filed testimony, but given the size of the application, the Commission would benefit from the parties' assistance in locating that testimony.

2. What is the total dollar amount allocated to the Oregon jurisdiction for Klamath relicensing and settlement costs under the stipulation?³ Is this amount included in the chart at Joint Testimony/100, Joint Parties/17?
3. The stipulation states, that “[t]he Parties agree that [Pacific Power] may file deferrals for property and liability costs in excess of the self-insured reserve balances, and that each deferral request will be evaluated individually on its merits.”⁴ Under this provision, do the Stipulating Parties agree to support any such requests for deferrals, or are they simply acknowledging Pacific Power’s right to file requests under ORS 757.259 and Commission rules?

Dated this 27th day of August, 2010, at Salem, Oregon.



Lisa D. Hardie
Administrative Law Judge

³ “The Stipulating Parties agree that the costs of the Klamath Project relicensing and settlement process will be included in the Pacific Power’s Oregon-allocated rate base as filed in the Company’s application for the purposes of this docket.” Stipulation at 3.

⁴ Stipulation at 5.