

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT**

PUBLIC MEETING DATE: May 22, 2001

REGULAR AGENDA ___ CONSENT AGENDA X EFFECTIVE DATE May 30, 2001

DATE: May 16, 2001

TO: Phil Nyegaard through Marc Hellman, Bryan Conway and Jack Breen

FROM: Stefan Brown

SUBJECT: PacifiCorp Advice No. 01-011–Request to add language that requires customers using self-generation to install a transfer switch.

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend the Commission approve PacifiCorp’s request to include language in Special Condition 5 to require that customers using self-generation install a transfer switch.

DISCUSSION:

On May 8, 2001, PacifiCorp filed a request to add language to Special Condition 5 to require that customers using self-generation install a transfer switch. The transfer switch prevents backfeed through transformers when self-generation is used. Without the switch, the backfeed could result in employee injury if the meter is being serviced. PacifiCorp states that the requirement is consistent with the National Electric and PacifiCorp's Electric Service Requirements.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Special Condition 5 of Schedule 72 allows customers to use other pumping energy sources to directly drive their pumping systems. PacifiCorp's request to require installation of a transfer switch if a customer uses other energy sources is reasonable.

DETAILED RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend the Commission allow PacifiCorp Advice Filing 01-011, which modifies Schedule 72 – Irrigation Curtailment Program Rider, Special Condition 5 to require that customers using self-generation install a transfer switch, to go into effect on May 30, 2001.