

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: March 23, 2006**

REGULAR  CONSENT  EFFECTIVE DATE March 24, 2006

**DATE:** February 24, 2006

**TO:** Public Utility Commission

**FROM:** Judy Johnson

**THROUGH:** Lee Sparling and Ed Busch

**SUBJECT:** PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT: (Docket No. UE 179/Advice No. 06-007)  
Requests a general rate increase in the company's Oregon annual revenues of \$111,976,802, or 13.2 percent overall.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

I recommend that the Commission suspend Pacific Power & Light Company's application for revised tariff schedules in Advice No. 06-007.

**DISCUSSION:**

On February 23, 2006, Pacific Power & Light (PacifiCorp) filed Advice No. 06-007, an application for revised tariff schedules. The filing has been docketed as UE 179. The tariffs would implement a general rate revision, increasing PacifiCorp's revenues by \$112 million, or 13.2 percent overall. The percentage increases by rate class are 10.8 percent for residential customers, 19.8 percent for general service customers, 19.8 percent for large general service customers, and 19.8 percent for irrigation customers.

Staff recommends the Commission suspend the tariffs for investigation. Suspending the tariffs will allow the Commission to evaluate the reasonableness of the company's proposed rates. ORS 757.215(1) allows the Commission to suspend the proposed rates an additional three months if it finds the investigation will not be completed by the end of the initial six-month suspension period. Due to the size of the increase and the complexity of the case, Staff believes there is sufficient cause for the Commission to determine that the investigation cannot be completed within the initial suspension period, and the additional three-month suspension should be approved at this time.

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**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

PacifiCorp's application for revised tariff schedules in Advice No. 06-007 (UE 179), with a proposed effective date of March 24, 2006, be suspended for nine months.