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- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

	DOCKET NO. 03-2035-02
In the Matter of the Application of PACIFICORP for Approval of Its Proposed Electric Service Schedules & Electric Service Regulations)	NOTICE OF HEARING ON JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF TEST PERIOD AND SCHEDULING STIPULATION AND ISSUANCE OF NOTICE

ISSUED: April 7, 2003

By The Commission:

You are hereby given notice that the Commission will hold a hearing on approval of a Joint Motion for Approval of Test Period and Scheduling Stipulation and Issuance of Notice commencing at 1:30 p.m. on April 16, 2003, and continuing thereafter until completed at its Hearing Room on the Fourth Floor of the Heber M. Wells Building, 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111.

The purpose of the hearing is to hear evidence on a stipulation between PacifiCorp, the Division of Public Utilities, the Committee of Consumer Services and others that establishes a test period and schedule for this proceeding. The stipulation is available for review at the offices of the Commission, or from PacifiCorp.

In summary, the stipulation proposes the 12 month period from April 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003 as the base test period for this case and provides that parties will be able to propose annualizing, normalizing and known and measurable adjustments to the base test period. The stipulation also provides that the known and measurable adjustments to the base test period will be limited to those that reflect changes that have occurred, or will occur on or before January 1, 2004, absent unforeseen and extraordinary circumstances.

The stipulation proposes the following schedule for revenue requirement testimony:

May 15, 2003	PacifiCorp makes an initial data filing, including cost of capital testimony.
July 31, 2003	PacifiCorp files its direct revenue requirement testimony and exhibits, including its proposed annualizing, normalizing and known and measurable adjustments.
October 15, 2003	PacifiCorp files additional direct revenue requirement testimony and exhibits to update its known and measurable adjustments for actual data.
December 10, 2003	All other parties file their direct revenue requirement testimony and exhibits.
January 16, 2004	PacifiCorp and all other parties file their rebuttal revenue requirement testimony and exhibits.

The stipulation proposes the following schedule for class cost of service, rate spread and rate design testimony:

September 15, 2003	PacifiCorp files its direct of	class cost of service.	rate spread and rate	design testimony
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	and exhibits.
October 31, 2003	PacifiCorp files additional direct class cost of service and rate spread exhibits to update its case to reflect the known and measurable adjustments proposed by PacifiCorp in its October 15, 2003 revenue requirement filing.
January 16, 2004	All other parties file their direct class cost of service, rate spread and rate design testimony and exhibits.
February 13, 2004	PacifiCorp and all other parties file their rebuttal class cost of service, rate spread and rate design testimony and exhibits.

The stipulation proposes that the Commission schedule the revenue requirement hearings to begin at 9:00 a.m. on February 9, 2004 and to continue, if necessary, through February 17, 2004. The stipulation also proposes that the Commission schedule the class cost of service, rate spread and rate design hearings to begin at 9:00 a.m. on February 23, 2004 and to continue, if necessary, through February 27, 2004.

The stipulation provides that the rates approved in this case will become effective for service provided on and after January 1, 2004. but that th0se rates will begin to be collected from customers on bills for service rendered on and after April 1, 2004. The stipulation also provides that PacifiCorp will be able to recover the amounts due from customers, or if the Commission approves a rate decrease, to refund the amounts owed to customers for service during the period from January 1, 2004 through March 31, 2004 through a surcharge, or a credit on customer bills. The surcharge will be collected from, or the credit will be applied to customers beginning with customer bills for service rendered on and after April 1, 2004. Finally, the stipulation provides that, in order to address any potential argument regarding the collection of amounts owed or refunds due for the period January 1, 2004 through March 31, 2004, the Commission will, on some date prior to January 1, 2004, issue its order making PacifiCorp's rates interim during the period from January 1, 2004 through March 31, 2004.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations, including auxiliary communication aids and services, during this hearing should notify Julie Orchard, Commission Secretary, at 160 East, 300 South, Room 400, Box 45585, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0585, telephone: (801) 530-6713, at least three working days prior to the hearing.

Dated at Salt Lake City, Utah this 7th day of April, 2003.

<u>/s/Julie Orchard</u>, Commission Secretary

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