

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Request for a Home
Energy Report Pilot Program

DOCKET NO. 12-035-77

ORDER

ISSUED: July 28, 2015

SYNOPSIS

The Commission approves PacifiCorp's request to revise the evaluation schedule for the Home Energy Reports Legacy and Home Energy Reports Expansion pilot programs.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On June 30, 2015, Rocky Mountain Power, a division of PacifiCorp ("PacifiCorp"), filed a request with the Public Service Commission of Utah ("Commission") to revise the evaluation schedule for the Home Energy Reports Legacy ("HER Legacy") and Home Energy Reports Expansion ("HER Expansion") pilot programs (collectively, "HER programs") with a requested effective date of July 31, 2015. Pursuant to the Commission's Notice of Filing and Comment Period, the Division of Public Utilities ("Division") filed comments on July 15, 2015. No other party filed comments or reply comments.

The HER Legacy program, which includes approximately 79,000 households, was originally approved by the Commission in this docket on May 15, 2012 ("2012 Order"), and was initially scheduled to expire at the end of 2015. The HER Expansion program, which includes an additional 200,000 households, was approved by the Commission in this docket on September 12, 2014 ("2014 Order"). The 2014 Order also established that the term for both pilot programs would extend through December 31, 2017.

PACIFICORP'S PROPOSAL

PacifiCorp requests approval to revise the evaluation schedule for the HER Legacy and HER Expansion programs so the evaluations for both programs coincide. PacifiCorp proposes to conduct evaluations on the HER Legacy program after the 41st month,¹ making the evaluation period February 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015, and on the HER Expansion program after the 15th month, making the evaluation period October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015.

After December 31, 2015, PacifiCorp proposes to move the evaluation schedule for both programs to a two-year rotation based on the completion of a calendar year, consistent with PacifiCorp's other energy efficiency program evaluations. The next evaluation period for both programs would be January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017. PacifiCorp asserts allowing the evaluations to be completed on a two-year rotation will help it coordinate the evaluations of the HER programs with other required energy efficiency evaluations and will minimize costs to customers.

DIVISION'S COMMENTS

The Division recommends the Commission approve PacifiCorp's request to revise the evaluation schedule for the HER Legacy and Expansion programs as filed on June 30, 2015. The Division notes the performance of the HER Legacy program exceeded expectations as was shown in the initial evaluation filed by PacifiCorp on September 2, 2014. Based on past

¹ The 2012 Order established a July 2012 starting date for the HER Legacy program and set a schedule for program evaluation after 18 months, and again after 36 months, with a 5 month allowance at the end of each period for data review and report preparation. On September 2, 2014, PacifiCorp filed an evaluation report prepared by Navigant Consulting, Inc. covering the initial 18 months of the HER Legacy program (August 1, 2012 through January 31, 2014). This report showed the HER Legacy program was cost effective and exceeded the expected savings. Based on this initial evaluation, PacifiCorp requested approval to expand the program, which the Commission approved in the 2014 Order.

performance, and its own review, the Division sees no issues with the proposed revision to the evaluation schedule.

DISCUSSIONS, FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Based on our review, the recommendation of the Division, and having received no opposition, we find the proposed revision to the evaluation schedule for the HER Legacy and HER Expansion pilot programs is reasonable. We also find moving the evaluation schedule for both programs to a two-year rotation, consistent with PacifiCorp's evaluations of other energy efficiency programs, will minimize costs to customers.

ORDER

The Commission approves PacifiCorp's request to revise the evaluation schedule for the HER Legacy and Expansion pilot programs as filed, effective July 31, 2015.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah this 28th day of July, 2015.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Jordan A. White, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
Commission Secretary
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Notice of Opportunity for Agency Review or Rehearing

Pursuant to §§ 63G-4-301 and 54-7-15 of the Utah Code, an aggrieved party may request agency review or rehearing of this Order by filing a written request with the Commission within 30 days after the issuance of this Order. Responses to a request for agency review or rehearing must be filed within 15 days of the filing of the request for review or rehearing. If the Commission does not grant a request for review or rehearing within 20 days after the filing of the request, it is deemed denied. Judicial review of the Commission's final agency action may be obtained by filing a petition for review with the Utah Supreme Court within 30 days after final agency action. Any petition for review must comply with the requirements of §§ 63G-4-401 and 63G-4-403 of the Utah Code and Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on the 28th day of July, 2015, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was delivered upon the following as indicated below:

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