97-2035-02 -- Order Granting Extension for Submitting Avoided Cost Rates (6/28/00) PacifiCorp - Standard of Rates for Purchases of Power

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Application of) PACIFICORP, d/b/a Utah Power & Light) Company for Approval of Standard Rates for) Purchases of Power from Qualifying Facilities) Having a Design Capacity of 1,000 Kilowatts or) Less

DOCKET NO. 97-2035-02

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION FOR SUBMITTING AVOIDED COST RATES

ISSUED: June 28, 2000

By The Commission:

On December 10, 1999, PacifiCorp submitted an application for new rates for Rate Schedule 37 for Qualifying Facilities. The Commission requested a Division investigation of the application with a recommendation due by April 28, 2000. On May 2, 2000, the Division requested an extension until May 31, 2000, which was granted. During the interim, the sale of the Centralia Generating Plant was completed. Its impact on avoided costs will likely be substantial in the near term thereby making the Company's December 10th application obsolete. In a memo dated June 7, 2000, the Division requested that the Company re-file its avoided cost study taking into account the sale of Centralia. It also recommended that the Company use its current Integrated Resource Plan, RAMMP-6 which contains the best information available regarding assumptions which drive avoided costs. The Division reported that a Company's representative agreed the rates need to be updated to account for the sale of Centralia and maintained that the new study could be submitted by the end of July. The Division has forwarded the results of its review to date to the Company for its consideration when preparing its re-filed rates. The Division does not expect any material harm to any party from this delay as the post-Centralia rates are expected to be closer to the currently approved rates than to the rates proposed in December 10, 1999.

<u>ORDER</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

PacifiCorp will re-file its Electric Service Schedule No. 37 for purchases involving Qualifying Facilities with a design capacity of 1,000 kW using the assumptions contained in its current RAMPP-6 study and taking in account the impact of the sale of the Centralia Generating Plant.

The Company will submit the new study by the end of July, 2000.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 28th day of June, 2000.

/s/ Stephen F. Mecham, Chairman

/s/ Constance B. White, Commissioner

/s/ Clark D. Jones, Commissioner

Attest:

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