

To: Utah Public Service Commission

From: Division of Public Utilities
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RE: PacifiCorp Proposed Schedule 70, (Green Tariff) Docket 00-035-T01
PacifiCorp Proposed Accounting Order Docket 00-035-T01

Issue:

In accordance with the Commission's order in Docket 98-2035-04, PacifiCorp has filed a green resource tariff within 60 days of the closure of the merger. PacifiCorp requests that the new *Proposed Schedule 70 - New Wind, Geothermal and Solar Power Rider* be effective April 3, 2000, and that an accounting order be issued specifying that all costs and revenues of the program be consolidated into a single account with interest accruing on the balance. The balance after 5 years is to be shared equally between shareholders and customers.

Recommendation:

The Division recommends that the Commission suspend Proposed Schedule 70, and schedule a technical conference for interested parties to discuss issues related to the proposed tariff. The Division is uncertain at this time if hearings on the proposed tariff will be necessary.

Explanation:

Under Commission rule R746-405-2.E2, new tariffs become effective 30 days after filing. The Commission has asked the Division to review the tariff for compliance, and for an investigation into the issue. The Division (and we suspect other parties as well) cannot complete a review of this issue within 30 days. Therefore we recommend the new tariff be suspended.

This issue has raised many questions, therefore we recommend a technical conference be scheduled by the Commission to allow PacifiCorp to explain their proposal, and for parties to discuss their concerns. The Division, after consultation with the other parties, suggests Wednesday February 16, 2000, in room 427, for the technical conference. We suggest the conference run from 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. We anticipate that several of the parties that

participated in the Energy Efficiency - Renewables Resources Task Force will have questions. We suggest that each party forward their questions to the Division by February 9, 2000. The Division will develop an agenda, and forward the questions to PacifiCorp, and to all parties that submit questions.

We further suggest that depending on what develops at the technical conference, the parties may want to continue the technical conference at 2:00 pm, or may want to discuss settlement of some issues. At this time the Division does not know if the matter will require hearings.

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