

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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In the Matter of the Investigation of the Costs  
and Benefits of PacifiCorp's Net Metering  
Program

DOCKET NO. 14-035-114  
ORDER GRANTING WAIVER

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ISSUED: September 13, 2018

On March 2, 2018, PacifiCorp filed with the Public Service Commission ("PSC") a Motion for Emergency Waiver of Level 3 Interconnection Review Processing Timeframes ("March Motion"), requesting a waiver from meeting the timelines required by Utah Admin. Code R746-312-10(2)(f)(iii) ("Timelines") to complete and provide a System Impact Study ("SIS") for Level 3 interconnection applications. On March 21, 2018, the PSC partially granted the request ("March Order"), providing an extension of 30 days, for a total of 60 days, of the required Timelines for a six-month period. In the March Order, the PSC directed PacifiCorp to work with the Division of Public Utilities ("DPU") and interested parties to develop a queue management system ("QMS") and related procedures and to either submit that system for PSC consideration or provide a status update on the progress of the process within 45 days of the March Order. PacifiCorp filed the requisite status report on May 2 and June 19, 2018.

On August 10, 2018, PacifiCorp filed a second Motion for Temporary Waiver of Level 3 Interconnection Review Processing Timeframes ("August Motion"), requesting the PSC issue an order granting an additional six-month extension of the required timelines from September 21, 2018 through March 21, 2019. In the August Motion, PacifiCorp represents it has worked with parties in developing a QMS, however a permanent QMS may be unnecessary because the Level 3 applications could return to a more manageable level once the bottleneck of applications received during the first half of November 2017 have been processed.

PacifiCorp notes the complexity of Level 3 reviews is increasing as additional Level 3 customer systems connect to PacifiCorp's system. According to PacifiCorp, this added complexity in processing Level 3 applications may warrant a permanent change to the way Level 3 applications are processed, such as lengthening the SIS review process to 60 days. At this time, however, PacifiCorp believes that temporarily lengthening the required Timelines may be enough to alleviate its concerns related to increasingly complex Level 3 interconnections as opposed to implementing a more complex QMS system.

PacifiCorp commits to continue filing quarterly status reports and, at the end of the extension, will file a final report that will present its recommendations going forward.

No party filed a response to PacifiCorp's August Motion.

#### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Unless the PSC otherwise orders, "any response [to a motion] shall be filed within 15 days of the service date of the motion." Utah Admin. Code R746-1-301. With no responses having been filed, we find PacifiCorp's Motion to be unopposed. We further find PacifiCorp's request for an additional six-month extension of the Timelines to be a reasonable response to the increased number and complexity of Level 3 applications PacifiCorp has experienced since November 2017. This extension balances the public interest with respect to safety in the interconnection process, customer certainty and transparency. Accordingly, we extend the Timelines by an additional 30 business days for completion of the SIS.

ORDER

1. Based on the representations in the Motion, we grant PacifiCorp a waiver of the existing Timelines in R746-312-10(2)(f)(iii) and extend the Timelines by 30 additional business days. The waiver shall be effective for an additional six months beginning September 21, 2018 and ending March 21, 2019.
2. PacifiCorp shall continue to file quarterly status reports and shall, at the end of the extension, file a final report containing its recommendations going forward.
3. Despite this waiver, PacifiCorp shall use its best efforts to process applications according to the otherwise applicable Timelines during the waiver's effective period.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, September 13, 2018.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Jordan A. White, Commissioner

Attest:

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PSC Secretary  
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Notice of Opportunity for Agency Review or Rehearing

Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-301 and 54-7-15, a party may seek agency review or rehearing of this order by filing a request for review or rehearing with the PSC within 30 days after the issuance of the 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 PSC fails to grant a request for review or rehearing within 20 days after the filing of a request for review or rehearing, it is deemed denied. Judicial review of the PSC'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 Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-401, 63G-4-403, and the Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on September 13, 2018, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was delivered upon the following as indicated below:

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