- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

DOCKET NO. 18-035-T01

ORDER

ISSUED: March 22, 2018

BACKGROUND

On February 27, 2018, PacifiCorp, doing business as Rocky Mountain Power (PacifiCorp) filed Advice No. 18-01, proposing updates to the Section 9R.4 carrying charge interest rate in Electric Service Schedule No. 300, Regulation Charges, Tariff P.S.C.U. No. 50 (Tariff Application). If the Tariff Application is approved, Section 9R.4 will be amended from 4.19 percent to 4.09 percent, effective April 1, 2018. Section 9R.4 interest applies to certain PacifiCorp account balances subject to PSC orders (e.g., Demand-Side Management Balancing Account, Renewable Energy Credit Balancing Account, Home Energy Lifeline Program, Solar Incentive Program, STEP Balancing Account, and Blue Sky Program). Additionally, Section 9R.4 interest applies to customer deposits and, in certain circumstances, customer overpayments.

On February 28, 2018 the Public Service Commission of Utah (PSC) issued a Notice of Filing and Comment Period, requesting comments no later than March 14, 2018, and reply comments no later than March 21, 2017. On March 12, 2018, the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) filed comments recommending approval of PacifiCorp’s Tariff Application.

DISCUSSION

PacifiCorp’s Tariff Application is based on the annual average 2017 Aaa and Baa corporate bond interest rates published by Moody’s Analytics. PacifiCorp’s Application includes
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an amended Tariff Sheet No. 300.2 with an updated interest rate of 4.09 percent, effective April 1, 2018, and minor administrative changes.

The DPU states PacifiCorp correctly calculated the proposed carrying charge interest rate. Based on its investigation, the DPU recommends the PSC approve PacifiCorp’s revised Sheet No. 300.2 effective April 1, 2018.

No other party filed comments, and the opportunity has since elapsed.

FINDINGS AND ORDER

Based on the information provided in PacifiCorp’s Tariff Application, the DPU’s recommendation, and there being no objection filed, we approve the amendments to PacifiCorp’s Tariff Sheet No. 300.2 as filed, effective April 1, 2018.

Therefore, we order:

The current effective interest rate in Section 9R.4 of Schedule No. 300 of PacifiCorp’s Tariff is amended to 4.09 percent.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, March 22, 2018.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Jordan A. White, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
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 written 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 March 22, 2018, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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