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Notice of Public Participation Hearing Regarding Pacific Power's Request to Increase Rates for the 2019 General Rate Case Application No. 18-04-002

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) would like to hear your comments about Pacific Power's request to increase your rates for the 2019 General Rate Case (GRC). To do so, the CPUC invites you to attend a Public Participation Hearing (PPH) where you may comment or simply listen to what others in your community are saying. An Administrative Law Judge (Judge) will preside over the hearing. The Commissioners are invited to attend, but it is unknown at this time if any will attend. Customer service representatives from Pacific Power will also attend the hearing to help with customer billing and/or service questions.

The hearing location is wheelchair accessible. If you need other arrangements, such as language interpretation, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at least five days before the hearing. The Public Advisor's Office contact information is noted at the end of this notice. The dates, times and locations of the PPHs are as follows:

October 29, 2018

6:00 pm

Weed

City of Weed Council Chambers
550 Main Street
Weed, CA 96094

October 30, 2018

6:00pm

Crescent City

Crescent City Cultural Center
1001 Front St
Crescent City, CA 95531

Pacific Power's Rate Increase Request

On April 12, 2018, Pacific Power filed an application with the CPUC requesting to increase revenues for its 2019 GRC. Pacific Power requested to increase revenues by \$1.06 million in 2019 from current revenues of \$101 million. Although the increase will only occur in 2019, this GRC will cover years 2020 and 2021. Pacific Power is requesting this increase to invest in its infrastructure and transition to a cleaner energy system (renewable sources). Based on all the information presented in this proceeding, the CPUC will determine the rates Pacific Power will be allowed to charge its customers to collect the revenue approved for 2019. A typical residential customer using 850 kilowatt-hours per month would see an increase of approximately \$2.49 (or 1.9%) on their monthly bill from \$142.42 to \$144.91.

This is the first general rate case Pacific Power has filed since 2009. Pacific Power is required to file a GRC with the CPUC for review of, among other items, the revenue the company is allowed to collect. The annual approved revenue is the total amount of money a utility collects through rates each year, for specific purposes¹. The requested increase in revenue in this GRC will be used to make the following investments:

- Upgrading the system of power plants, poles, wires, and equipment needed to deliver electricity to Pacific Power customers
- Increasing safety in the operation of electric facilities
- Modernizing and strengthening the company infrastructure to support clean technology and integrate resources such as wind energy and other renewables

- Improving customer service support and providing customers with choice and control over their energy usage
- Continuing improvements of emergency preparedness and coordination with public safety organizations

CPUC Process

This application has been assigned to a Judge who will determine how to receive evidence and other related documents, necessary for the CPUC to establish a record. The CPUC's decision will be based on this record. Evidentiary Hearings (EH) may be held where parties will present their testimony and may be subject to cross-examination by other parties. These EHs are open to the public, but only those who are parties can participate. After considering all proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process, the Judge assigned to this proceeding will issue a proposed decision that may adopt Pacific Power's proposal, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may propose an alternate decision. The proposed decision, and any alternative decisions, will be discussed and voted upon at a scheduled public CPUC voting meeting.

The Public Advocates Office (Cal PA) is reviewing this application. The Cal PA is the independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents the interests of the customers of investor-owned utilities like Pacific Power. The Cal PA has a multi-disciplinary staff with expertise in economics, finance, accounting and engineering. For more information about the Cal PA, please call (415) 703-1584, e-mail PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit Cal PA's website at <http://www.publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov/>.

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If you would like to learn how you can participate in the proceeding, have informal comments, or if you have questions about the CPUC processes, you may access the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office (PAO) webpage at <http://consumers.cpuc.ca.gov/pao/>. You may also contact the PAO as follows:

Write: California Public Utilities Commission
Public Advisor's Office
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Email: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

Call: 1-415-703-2074

Toll-free: 1-866-849-8390

TTY: 1-415-703-5282

TTY toll free: 1-866-836-7825

Please reference **Pacific Power's GRC Application No. 18-04-002** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter. All public comments will become part of the public correspondence file for this proceeding and made available for review to the assigned Judge, the Commissioners, and appropriate CPUC staff.

¹The GRC does not include net power costs or greenhouse gas allowance costs and revenues. Those are addressed in Pacific Power's Energy Cost Adjustment Clause application filed annually on August 1.

