

August 21, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Public Utility Commission of Oregon Attn: Filing Center 201 High Street SE, Suite 100 Salem, OR 97301-3398

RE: Advice 20-007 – Schedule 127 Community Solar Program – Optional Participation for Qualifying Customers

On June 29, 2020, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power submitted for filing with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) Advice Letter 20-007 proposing to establish a new tariff schedule, Schedule 127, for the Community Solar Program. In its filing, PacifiCorp requested an effective date of July 29, 2020. Following discussions with Commission staff, PacifiCorp subsequently refiled Schedule 127 on July 27, 2020, requesting an effective date of August 14, 2020. The filing also included several minor revisions to the tariff language. On August 11, 2020, PacifiCorp refiled Schedule 127 to include proposed revisions to the Utility Fee amount and Program Fees amount set forth on page 2 of the tariff and requested an effective date of August 26, 2020.

After further guidance from Commission staff, PacifiCorp respectfully refiles page 2 of Schedule 127 with an additional refinement to the Utility Fee and Program Fees. There are no changes to the other pages in Schedule 127. This proposed revision will further reduce the Utility Fee from \$0.23/kilowatt (kW)/month (as proposed in the August 11, 2020 filing) to \$0.20/kW/month. PacifiCorp is proposing this change after receiving additional clarity regarding the delineation between start-up and ongoing program costs. This change will reduce the total Program Fees reflected on a non-low income participating customer's bill from \$1.08/kW/month (as proposed in the August 11, 2020 filing) to \$1.05/kW/month. PacifiCorp's proposed changes to the language of Schedule 127 are as follows:

<u>Program Fees.</u> The Company will apply Program Fees, if applicable, to each Participant's utility bill. Program Fees will be based on each Participant's Participation Interest in the Project. Program Fees will consist of a Program Administrator Fee and a Utility Fee. Program Fees may be subject to an annual adjustment, and are currently set at the following amounts:

Program Administrator Fee: \$0.85 /kW/month
Utility Fee: \$0.23 \frac{\$0.20}{20} /kW/month

Program Fees (total): \$1.08 \$1.05 /kW/month

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PacifiCorp respectfully requests an effective date of August 26, 2020. An Application for Less than Statutory notice is included with this filing.

Please direct any informal inquiries regarding this filing to Cathie Allen, Regulatory Affairs Manager, at (503) 813-5934.

Sincerely,

Etta Lockey

Vice President, Regulation

Enclosure

LESS THAN STATUTORY NOTICE APPLICATION

This document may be electronically filed by sending it as an attachment to an electronic mail message addressed to the Commission's Filing Center at puc.filingcenter@state.or.us.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) UTILITY L.S.N. APPLICATION	
PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power) NO.	
(UTILITY COMPANY)) (LEAVE BLANK)	
TO WAIVE STATUTORY NOTICE.)	
NOTE: ATTACH EXHIBIT IF SPACE IS INSUFFICIENT.		
 GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE(S) ADDITION, DELETION, OR CHANGE. (SCHEDULE INCLUDES ALL RATES, TOLLS AND CHARGES FOR SERVICE AND ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS AFFECTING THE SAME) PacifiCorp is proposing to establish a new tariff, Schedule 127, for the Community Solar Program. After further guidance from Commission staff, PacifiCorp is refiling the tariff to update the Utility Fee and Program Fees reflected on page 2 of Schedule 127. 		
2. APPLICANT DESIRES TO CHANGE THE SCHEDULE(S) NOW ON FILE KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS: (INSERT SCHEDULE REFERENCE BY NUMBER, PAGE, AND ITEM) NA		
3. THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE(S) SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS: (INSERT SCHEDULE REFERENCE BY NUMBER, PAGE AND ITEM) Original Sheet No. 127-1, Schedule 127, Community Solar Program Optional for Qualifying Customers, Page 1 Original Sheet No. 127-2, Schedule 127, Community Solar Program Optional for Qualifying Customers, Page 2 Original Sheet No. 127-3, Schedule 127, Community Solar Program Optional for Qualifying Customers, Page 3 Original Sheet No. 127-4, Schedule 127, Community Solar Program Optional for Qualifying Customers, Page 4 Note that this supplemental filing only reflects changes to Sheet No. 127-2. Sheet Nos. 127-1, 127-3, and 127-4 were previously submitted on August 11. 4. REASONS FOR REQUESTING A WAIVER OF STATUTORY NOTICE: After further guidance from Commission staff, PacifiCorp has modified the Utility Fee and Program Fees reflected on page		
2 of proposed Schedule 127. The revised tariff is being filed with Less than Statutory Notice to ensure the tariff sheet can become effective soon for participants in the Community Solar Program.		
5. REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE NEW SCHEDULE(S) OR CHANGE(S): August 26, 2020		
. AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	TITLE Vice President, Regulation	DATE August 21, 2020
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☐ APPROVED ☐ DENIED	EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED SCHEDULE(S) OR CHANGE	

DATE

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE



OREGON SCHEDULE 127

COMMUNITY SOLAR PROGRAM OPTIONAL FOR QUALIFYING CUSTOMERS

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Definitions (continued)

<u>Program Implementation Manual</u> means the set of guidelines and requirements for implementing the Community Solar Program adopted by the Commission in Order 19-438, as may be periodically amended.

<u>Project</u> means a solar photovoltaic energy facility used to generate electric energy on behalf of Participants and for which Participants receive credit on their electric bills as provided in OAR Chapter 860, Division 88, and the Program Implementation Manual.

<u>Project Manager</u> is the entity having responsibility for managing the operation of a Project, as defined in ORS 757.386(1)d).

<u>Utility Fee</u> means the fee that the Company collects on each Participant's utility bill to fund the Company's administration of the Community Solar Program, in accordance with OAR 860-088-0160(2).

Billing

<u>Bill Credit</u>. The Company will apply a credit to each Participant's monthly utility bill in accordance with the process and calculations set forth in ORS 757.386(6), OAR 860-088-0170, and the Program Implementation Manual. Bill credits will be applied to offset utility charges, Participation Fees, and Program Fees. The Program Administrator will calculate the value of a bill credit based on the Participant's share in the total Project generation multiplied by the Project's Bill Credit Rate.

<u>Bill Credit Rate</u>. The Oregon Public Utility Commission will establish a Project's Bill Credit Rate at the time of Project pre-certification. The Commission has adopted the following Bill Credit Rates based on the capacity of pre-certified projects to come online in the Company's Service Territory:

1) \$0.0977/ kWh – applies to first 32.3 MW in the Company's service territory

<u>Participation Fees</u>. The Company will apply ownership or subscription fees, if applicable, to each Participant's utility bill in the amounts determined by the Program Administrator. Ownership or subscription fees will be based on the terms of each Participant's agreement with the Project Manager.

<u>Program Fees</u>. The Company will apply Program Fees, if applicable, to each Participant's utility bill. Program Fees will be based on each Participant's Participation Interest in the Project. Program Fees will consist of a Program Administrator Fee and a Utility Fee. Program Fees may be subject to an annual adjustment, and are currently set at the following amounts:

Program Administrator Fee: \$0.85 /kW/month Utility Fee: \$0.20 /kW/month

Program Fees (total): \$1.05 /kW/month

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Original Sheet No. 127-2

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Issued August 21, 2020 Etta Lockey, Vice President, Regulation

Effective for service on and after August 26, 2020

Advice No. 20-007

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