



PACIFICORP'S POWER COST ONLY RATE CASE (PCORC) - DOCKET UE-250224

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PacifiCorp's Proposal

On April 1, 2025, PacifiCorp (the Company) filed a Power Cost Only Rate Case (PCORC) to remove coal-fired generation from rates and propose a new cost allocation of other generation resources. In particular, the Company has proposed increasing the cost of the Chehalis natural gas plant allocated to Washington customers and a wind plant in Rolling Hills, Wyoming.

Starting on January 1, 2026, coal-fired generation cannot be included in a utility's allocation of electricity, in compliance with the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA).

The Commission issued Order 01, which set the matter for review and adjudication. Through this Order, Public Counsel and other parties were given the opportunity to review the Company's filing to determine whether the new allocation of generation resources and associated increase in rates is fair, just and reasonable.

What is the rate impact of this filing?

For a typical residential customer using 1,200 kWh per month, these changes would result in an increase of \$4.01 per month, or 2.58%.

Public Counsel's Position

Public Counsel recommends that the Commission accept the new allocation in the short term subject to the following conditions: 1) PacifiCorp should sunset its allocation of natural gas plants to Washington by 2030 to comply with CETA, 2) PacifiCorp should only collect a portion of costs associated with the Rolling Hills, Wyoming wind plant because it is less efficient than other wind plants, 3) PacifiCorp shareholders should bear the carbon market costs associated with selling excess electricity to other utilities.

The Parties

The UTC considers the recommendations of every party, and no party's recommendation is considered binding. The following parties are participating in this proceeding:

- PacifiCorp (Pacific Power)
- Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (large industrial customer advocate)
- Commission Staff*
- Public Counsel Unit (residential and small business customer advocate)
- The Energy Project (low-income customer advocate)

*In formal UTC proceedings, regulatory Staff participates like any other party, and UTC Commissioners make the decision





If you have questions, you can contact Public Counsel by emailing: utility@atg.wa.gov, or by mail to our physical office at:

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Process for Commission Decision

PacifiCorp filed its initial testimony in this case on April 1, 2025. Commission Staff, Public Counsel, and the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (AWEC) filed testimony in response to the Company on August 20, 2025. PacifiCorp, Commission Staff, Public Counsel, the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (AWEC), and The Energy Project (TEP) filed rebuttal/cross-answering testimony on September 17, 2025. The Commission held an Evidentiary Hearing on October 7-8, 2025, allowing the participating parties to present their evidence in the case and to cross-examine witnesses. The Commission will issue its decision following review of post-hearing briefs submitted by all parties.

Submit a Comment

The UTC Commissioners appreciate hearing from members of the public about how the Company's Petition will affect them. The Commission is holding a virtual Public Comment Hearing to hear your comments on Tuesday, December 2nd at 6 p.m. You can participate remotely via the Zoom links below or by phone.

Public Comment Hearing Information:

Held on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 6 p.m.

- **Zoom:** <https://utc-wa-gov.zoom.us>, Meeting ID: 839 4500 6208, Passcode: 091080
- **Phone:** 1 253 215 8782, Meeting ID: 839 4500 6208#, Passcode: 091080#

The public can additionally submit comments in the following ways:

- **Via UTC web form at:** utc.wa.gov/consumers/ (click on "Submit a Comment" link)
- **By e-mail at:** comments@utc.wa.gov
- **By mail at:** UTC, P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250
- **By phone:** 1-888-333-WUTC (9882)

Please include the following in any written comment: your name, mailing address, the name of the company (PacifiCorp or Pacific Power), and the Docket Number UE-250224. For more information, see the UTC's webpage here: <http://www.utc.wa.gov/>, or call 1-800-562-6150.