



CPUC Fact Sheet – PacifiCorp General Rate Case

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARING

PacifiCorp

Application (A.) 22-05-006

What is this PacifiCorp Rate Application About?

Every three years, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requires PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power (PacifiCorp) to file an application, referred to as a General Rate Case (GRC) application.¹ This application allows the CPUC to take an in-depth look at PacifiCorp’s forecasted costs, its forecasted services and projects, and other factors, and decide whether to modify the rates PacifiCorp is authorized to charge its customers.

PacifiCorp’s GRC Application (A.) 22-05-006, filed on May 5, 2022, presents PacifiCorp’s expected costs for operating its electric system, as well as administrative costs, depreciation expense, and capital costs, all of which comprise PacifiCorp’s base revenue requirement. This GRC does not address commodity costs, or costs associated with certain public purpose and energy efficiency programs, which are addressed in other proceedings.

PacifiCorp is requesting that the CPUC approve a base revenue requirement increase for its electric customers beginning in calendar year 2023. The CPUC will receive comments from the public and hold evidentiary hearings prior to making its decision.

What Will PacifiCorp’s Requested Rate Increase Mean to You?

The following information is from PacifiCorp’s May 5, 2022 application, supporting testimony and workpapers.

For 2023, PacifiCorp is requesting that the CPUC approve a base revenue requirement increase of \$27.9 million, for a total base revenue requirement of \$110.09 million. This is a 34 percent requested increase in base revenue requirement over the 2022 base revenue amount of \$82.13 million. This increase results in a net overall revenue requirement increase of 25.7 percent when commodity costs and other items not examined during this proceeding are included in the calculation.

As shown in the following table, the bill for an average non-CARE (California Alternate Rates for Energy) residential customer using 850 kilowatt hours (kWh) per month would increase on average by \$33.15 per month, or 25.8 percent if PacifiCorp’s request is granted:²

Monthly Residential Customer Usage	Current 2022 Bill	Proposed 2023 Bill	Increase (\$)	2022 to 2023 Percent Increase
850 kWh	\$128.35	\$161.50	\$33.15	25.8%

Based on this application, PacifiCorp’s requested 2023 rate increases for all customer groups are shown in PacifiCorp’s customer notice available at: [Notice of Pacific Power’s Request to Increase Your Electric Rates](#)

¹ Decision D.21-01-006 allowed an additional year in PacifiCorp’s previous GRC cycle before filing the current application for 2023.

² Qualifying CARE customers can currently receive a 20 percent discount on electric and gas monthly bills. PacifiCorp’s application proposes increasing this discount to 25 percent.

What Type of Costs does PacifiCorp Request to Recover?

PacifiCorp states that approximately 76 percent of its requested increase is related to wildfire mitigation and vegetation management costs. The following requests are drivers of its proposed rate increase in 2023:

- Wildfire Mitigation Program (approximate \$14.6 million increase in 2023)
 - Wildfire prevention, risk reduction, and additional safety enhancements.
 - Includes \$5.25 million (annual) amortization in memorandum accounts.
- Vegetation Management Program (approximate \$6.78 million increase in 2023)
 - Pruning and tree removal program to maintain safe distance from power lines.
 - Total vegetation management amount requested in 2023 is \$13.84 million.
- Total 2023 Depreciation & Amortization expense combined amount of \$27.1 million.
 - Includes request to accelerate certain depreciation schedules.
- Increased Return on Equity (ROE) from 10.0 percent to 10.5 percent in 2023.
 - Increased ROE request is to compensate investors for added risk faced by PacifiCorp.
 - PacifiCorp's proposal results in a return on rate base of approximately \$28.29 million in 2023.
 - PacifiCorp's "return on rate base" recovers its cost of capital (its cost of debt and its return on equity to shareholders, not including income taxes).

What Are the New Rate Options PacifiCorp is Proposing?

PacifiCorp is proposing two new time-of-use rate schedule options that could enable customers to lower their bills by shifting energy usage away from peak times. Participating customers would pay higher rates during peak times and pay lower rates for electricity use during off-peak hours.

- Proposed Schedule DT would charge residential customers different prices for electricity based on the time of use with the proposed peak times between 5pm and 9pm daily.
- Proposed Schedule AT-29 would charge non-residential customers different prices for electricity based on the time of use with the proposed peak times between 5pm and 9pm daily.

Additional information on the time-of-use proposal can be found (in PDF format) at: [PacifiCorp Time of Use Program GRC Testimony](#)

How Can My Voice Be Heard?

The CPUC's Public Advisor's Office <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/pao/> provides information to help the public participate in proceedings. Specifically:

- Customers can remotely attend and speak from their homes by phone or computer at upcoming remote Public Participation Hearings (PPHs) the CPUC will hold in 2022. These hearings will be transcribed by a court reporter and placed into the formal record for this proceeding. During the hearing, you can make comments and raise concerns to the CPUC's Administrative Law Judge overseeing this application. A list of dates, times, and how to participate is at <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/pph/>.
- Customers can submit electronic public comments specific to this proceeding and review all other public comments submitted by using the "Add Public Comment" button on the Public Comments tab of the Docket Card for A.22-05-006 at: <https://www.apps.cpuc.ca.gov/p/a2205006>
- Customers can mail a letter to the CPUC Public Advisor including proceeding number, A.22-05-006, to public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov or CPUC, Public Advisor, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102.
- The Public Advisor's Office may be reached by phone at 866-849-8390.
- Customers can access the CPUC's home page for further information on consumer programs and services and to explore information on key issues and topics of interest to the public at <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/>.