



IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Case No. PAC-E-02-7, Order No. 29151

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PacifiCorp seeks to establish energy saving program

BOISE – PacifiCorp is seeking authority from the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to establish a deferred account in case, at some point in the future, it seeks to recover the costs of a proposed compact fluorescent light bulb program.

PacifiCorp wants to provide each of its 44,000 Idaho residential customers with two compact fluorescent light bulbs to familiarize customers with the energy savings that can be realized with CFL bulbs and the bulbs' extended life. PacifiCorp estimates that the proposed CFL program will save 5.7 million kWh annually, 50 percent of which will occur during peak load periods.

The light bulb program will cost about \$456,000, according to PacifiCorp. The utility is seeking commission authority to establish a deferral account for possible recovery from customers of the program's cost plus accrued carrying costs in a future rate case. Setting up the deferral account does not mean the company will be able to eventually recover costs from customers. Such a determination would be made in a future rate proceeding.

The commission is seeking public comment regarding PacifiCorp's request by no later than Nov. 29.

Persons wishing to submit comments can do so via e-mail by accessing the commission's homepage at www.puc.state.id.us and clicking on "Comments & Questions." Fill in the case number (PAC-E-02-7) and enter your comments. Comments can also be mailed to P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074 or faxed to (208) 334-3762.

A complete copy of the order is also on the commission Web site. Click on "File Room," and then "Recent Orders and Notices," and scroll down to the case number. Copies are also available at commission offices, 472 W. Washington St. in Boise and at PacifiCorp's field offices in Rexburg, Preston, Shelley and Montpelier.

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