BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)

PACIFICORP DBA UTAH POWER & LIGHT)CASE NO. UPL-E-95-1

COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO AMEND)

ITS IDAHO TARIFF LANGUAGE REGARDING)NOTICE OF APPLICATION

CONNECT AND DISCONNECT SERVICE)NOTICE OF MODIFIED

TO IRRIGATION PUMPS.)        PROCEDURE

)NOTICE OF COMMENT/

)  PROTEST DEADLINE

)ORDER NO. 25854

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on December 13(21), 1994  PacifiCorp dba Utah Power & Light Company (Utah Power; UP&L) filed proposed changes to its irrigation and soil drainage pumping power service tariff sheets with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Commission).  Reference IPUC–No. 28 Electric Service Schedule No. 10—Connection and Disconnection Charges.  The Company requests a January 13, 1995 effective date.

UP&L currently disconnects customers at the end of the irrigation season and reconnects them each spring.  The company proposes to keep irrigation customers connected year round unless the customer requests disconnection in writing. The company will continue its policy of giving customers one free disconnection and reconnection each year. Customers will not be billed during the winter months, when usage will be non-existent or minimal. The initial spring bill will reflect any energy usage during the winter months.

The Company states the following reasons for making this change:

Historically, the Company has disconnected irrigation pumping service during the winter to reduce electrical losses associated with unloaded, energized transformers. However we have found a higher incidence of failure among transformers that are not energized during the post-season. The increased cost of transformer failure offset the savings resulting from reduced losses when the transformers are not energized. As the routine disconnection and reconnection of irrigation pumps once a year is very time consuming and costly, eliminating this practice will result in a net savings in operating expenses.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has reviewed the Company’s Application and proposed changes to its Electric Service Tariff Schedule No. 10.  The Commission has preliminarily found that the public interest regarding consideration of the proposed tariff changes may not require a hearing to consider the issues presented and that the Application may be processed under Modified Procedure, i.e., by written submission rather than by hearing.  Reference Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01201 et seq.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company’s requested effective date in Case No. UPL-E-95-1 has been suspended by the Commission pending further procedure and Order.  Reference Idaho Code § 61-623; IDAPA 31.01.01123.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will not hold a hearing in this proceeding unless it receives written protests or comments opposing the use of Modified Procedure and stating why Modified Procedure should not be used.  Reference IDAPA 31.01.01203.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the deadline for filing written comments or protests with respect to the Company’s Application and use of Modified Procedure in Case No. UPL-E-95-1 is Tuesday, January 31, 1995.  The comment or protest must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment or protest.  Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written protests or comments.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTICED that if no protests or comments are received within the deadline, the Commission may consider the matter and enter its order without a hearing.  If protests or comments are filed within the deadline, the Commission will consider them and may set the matter for hearing or may decide the matter and issue its order on the basis of the written positions before it.  Reference IDAPA 31.01.01204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTICED that the Application together with the proposed tariff schedule changes have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission office and at the Idaho offices of Utah Power & Light Company.  Written comments or protests concerning this Application shall be mailed to:

COMMISSION SECRETARY

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

PO BOX 83720

BOISE, IDAHO  83720-0074

Street Address for Express Mail:

472 W WASHINGTON ST

BOISE, IDAHO  83702-5983

All comments or protests should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document.

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In consideration of the foregoing and as more particularly described above IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the foregoing procedure in Case No. UPL-E-95-1 is adopted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the proposed effective date for the requested changes to the Utah Power’s Electric Service Schedule No. 10 Tariff is suspended.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this              day of January 1995.

MARSHA H. SMITH, PRESIDENT

DEAN J. MILLER, COMMISSIONER

RALPH NELSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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