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**CPUC TO HOLD PUBLIC FORUMS ON PACIFIC POWER'S
RATE INCREASE REQUEST**

SAN FRANCISCO, October 9, 2018 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold two public forums for customers of PacificCorp's Pacific Power to give their perspective and input to the CPUC about the utility's request to increase rates, as follows:

- **October 29, 2018, 6 p.m.:**
City of Weed Council Chambers, 550 Main St., Weed, CA 96094
- **October 30, 2018, 6 p.m.:**
Crescent City Cultural Center, 1001 Front St., Crescent City, CA 95531

The CPUC welcomes attendance at these public forums (called Public Participation Hearings), as public comments help the CPUC reach an informed decision. The CPUC Administrative Law Judge assigned to the case will preside over the public forums.

This proceeding is referred to as Pacific Power's General Rate Case (GRC). A GRC is a public proceeding at the CPUC that most utilities go through every three years. GRCs enable the CPUC to set the revenue a utility will collect from its consumers through rates. You can learn more about utility GRCs in our video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=XRksVgvkc-Y.

Pacific Power serves approximately 45,000 customers in Northern California. On April 12, 2018, Pacific Power submitted an application requesting CPUC approval to increase its revenues by \$1.06 million in 2019 from current revenues of \$101 million. Although the increase will only occur in 2019, this GRC will also cover years 2020 and 2021. A typical customer using 850 kilowatt-hours



per month would see an increase of approximately \$2.49 (or 1.9 percent) on their monthly bill from \$142.42 to \$144.91.

This is the first rate case Pacific Power has filed since 2009. According to Pacific Power, the requested increase in revenue would be used to make the following investments:

- Upgrading the system of power plants, poles, wires, and equipment needed to deliver electricity;
- Increasing the safety in the operation of electric facilities;
- Modernizing and strengthening the company infrastructure to support clean technology and integrate resources such as wind energy and other renewables;
- Improving customer service support and providing customers with choice and control over their energy usage; and,
- Continuing improvements of emergency preparedness and coordination with public safety organizations.

This GRC has been consolidated with a separate CPUC proceeding, Investigation 17-04-019. That proceeding was opened by the CPUC to determine whether Pacific Power is fairly dividing its costs between California and the other states where it provides services.

While a quorum of Commissioners and/or their staff may attend, no official action will be taken on Pacific Power's application at the public forums.

For those unable to attend in person, written comments may be submitted to: CPUC Public Advisor, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102, or via email to public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov. Please refer to proceeding number A.18-04-002 on any written or email correspondence about this proceeding. All public comments received are provided to the CPUC's Commissioners and the Administrative Law Judge assigned to the case.

The Ruling setting these public forums is available at

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M228/K330/228330154.PDF>.

Documents related to the proceeding are available at

https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:A1804002.



If specialized accommodations are needed to attend, such as non-English or sign language interpreters, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov or toll free at 866-849-8390 at least five business days in advance of the hearing.

For more information on Public Participation Hearings, please see www.cpuc.ca.gov/PPH.

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