

Decision 26-04-008 April 9, 2026

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
PACIFICORP (U-901E), for an Order
Authorizing a General Rate Increase
Effective January 1, 2023.

Application 22-05-006

**DECISION GRANTING PETITION FOR
MODIFICATION OF DECISION 25-06-052**

Summary

This decision grants the Petition for Modification filed on December 15, 2025, by PacifiCorp, seeking to modify Decision 25-06-052 to allow PacifiCorp to allow PacifiCorp to file a Tier 2 Advice Letter to implement its 2025 Post-Test Year Adjustment Mechanism (“PTAM”) Attrition Factor within 30 days following the effective date of this decision. This proceeding is closed.

1. Background

On May 5, 2022, PacifiCorp filed Application (A.) 22-05-006, a general rate case (GRC) application, seeking rate increases for Test Year 2023. An amended application was filed on May 13, 2022. The initial Assigned Commissioner’s Scoping Ruling was issued on August 9, 2022. The proceeding schedule was bifurcated into two tracks via a March 13, 2023, Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Ruling (March 2023 ALJ Ruling). Track 1, dealing with the 2023 GRC application generally, was resolved in Decision (D.) 23-12-016, which established the revenue

requirements and rates for Test Year 2023. Track 2 was established so that PacifiCorp could obtain an independent audit of the costs tracked in the Wildfire Mitigation Plan Memorandum Account (WMPMA), Fire Risk Mitigation Memorandum Account (FRMMA), and Fire Hazard Prevention Memorandum Account (FHPMA) (collectively, the Wildfire Mitigation Memorandum Accounts) through December 31, 2022, given the magnitude of the potential rate increase to customers from those accounts as well as the novelty of the charges recorded in those memorandum accounts for PacifiCorp. On February 26, 2025, D.25-02-008 issued, resolving Phase 2 and granting PacifiCorp recovery for wildfire costs while also directing PacifiCorp to take further steps to document and justify its wildfire mitigation costs going forward.

On May 5, 2025, PacifiCorp filed a Petition for Modification of D.23-12-016, requesting that the Commission modify the decision to allow PacifiCorp to file its next general rate case (GRC) in 2027 as opposed to 2026. The PFM also asked for other changes to the decision that would allow the current GRC decision to cover Test Year 2026. Decision (D.) 25-06-052 granted this initial Petition.

On December 15, 2026, PacifiCorp submitted another Petition for Modification (Petition), to D.25-06-052. In this Petition, PacifiCorp asked that Ordering Paragraph 1 of D.25-06-052 be modified to allow PacifiCorp to submit its Tier 2 Advice Letter (AL) to implement its 2025 Post-Test Year Adjustment Mechanism (“PTAM”) Attrition Factor as soon as reasonably possible, as opposed to by October 15, as dictated by D.25-06-052. The Commission’s Public Advocates Office (Cal Advocates) submitted a Response to the Petition on

January 14, 2026, and PacifiCorp filed a Reply to Cal Advocates' Response on January 20, 2026.

2. Issues Before the Commission

The Commission must determine whether to grant the Petition and make modifications to D.25-06-52 as requested, make some of the modifications requested, or deny the Petition.

3. Petition and Procedural Requirements Under Rule 16.4

Rule 16.4¹ governs the process for the filing and consideration of petitions for modification. Rule 16.4(b) requires that a petition for modification concisely state the justification for the proposed relief and propose specific wording for all requested modifications. Any factual allegations must be supported with specific citations to the record in the proceeding or to matters that may be officially noticed. Allegations of new or changed facts must be supported by an appropriate declaration or affidavit.

PacifiCorp states that the filing of the Petition is due to the fact that it did not timely submit its 2025 PTAM Attrition Factor Tier 2 Advice Letter by October 15, 2025, due to an administrative oversight. The Petition asks that the Commission modify D.25-06-052 to allow PacifiCorp to submit the AL as soon as reasonably feasible, and provides suggested language. We find that the Petition satisfies Commission Rule 16.4.

¹ Unless otherwise specified, all references to a Rule are to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

4. Petition

The Petition states that the PTAM Attrition Factor allows PacifiCorp to accurately set rates and recovery costs that PacifiCorp has prudently incurred, by preventing shortfalls in expenses due to the impact of inflation.² PacifiCorp cites an administrative error in not submitting the updating AL by October 15, as dictated by D.25-06-052. PacifiCorp in the Petition seeks authority to submit the AL at a later time. In particular, PacifiCorp asks that Ordering Paragraph 1.b of D.25-06-052 be modified to read:

“Ordering Paragraph 5: PacifiCorp, doing business as Pacific Power may continue the use of the Energy Cost Adjustment Clause and Post-Year Adjustment Mechanism (PTAM) for the years 2023-2026, and the PTAM Attrition Factor may continue to be filed for 2025 and 2026 as a Tier 2 Advice Letter. PacifiCorp may file its 2025 PTAM Attrition Factor Tier 2 Advice Letter as soon as reasonably feasible following the effective date of this decision.”

Attached to the Petition is a draft copy of the AL that PacifiCorp intends to submit, should it be granted authority to do so.

5. Comments on Petition

Cal Advocates was the only party that submitted a Response. Cal Advocates did not oppose allowing PacifiCorp authority to submit the AL again, but states that PacifiCorp be required to submit the update within 30 days after

² Petition, at 4.

issuance of this decision, to give ratepayers cost certainty.³ PacifiCorp in Reply to Cal Advocates' Response did not oppose this change.

6. Analysis

For reasons stated in the Petition, it is reasonable to allow PacifiCorp authority to update its PTAM Attrition Factor for 2025. No party highlighted harms to ratepayers due to approval of this Petition. The PTAM Attrition Factor ensures that PacifiCorp is not unjustly burdened due to inflationary costs. As argued by Cal Advocates, PacifiCorp should be given only 30 days to file the update.

The Petition is therefore granted. Ordering Paragraph 1.b on page 8 of D.25-06-052 is modified to read:

“PacifiCorp, doing business as Pacific Power, may continue the use of the Energy Cost Adjustment Clause and Post-Test Year Adjustment Mechanism (PTAM) for the years 2023-2026, and the PTAM Attrition Factor may continue to be filed for 2025 and 2026 as a Tier 2 Advice Letter. PacifiCorp may file its 2025 PTAM Attrition Factor Tier 2 Advice Letter by May 11, 2026. PacifiCorp shall file its 2026 PTAM Attrition Factor by October 15, 2026.”

7. Summary of Public Comment

No public comments have been received related to the Petition.

8. Waiver of Comments Period

This is an uncontested matter in which the decision grants the relief requested. Accordingly, as provided in Rule 14.6(c)(2), the otherwise applicable 30-day public review and comment period for this decision is waived.

³ Response of the Public Advocates Office to PacifiCorp's Petition for Modification of Decision 25-06-052, January 14, 2026, at 1.

9. Assignment of Proceeding

Alice Reynolds is the assigned Commissioner and Garrett Toy is the assigned ALJ in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. PacifiCorp's PTAM Attrition Factor allows for reasonable recovery of inflation costs.
2. Requiring PacifiCorp to submit its PTAM Attrition Factor Advice Letter within 30 days reduces ratepayer rate uncertainty.
3. No party filed an opposition to PacifiCorp's Petition.

Conclusions of Law

1. The Petition complies with Rules of Practice and Procedure 16.4.
2. It is reasonable to allow PacifiCorp an extension to submit its 2025 PTAM Attrition Factor.
3. PacifiCorp should be given 30 days to submit its 2025 PTAM Attrition Factor
4. Since no party filed a response opposing PacifiCorp's petition to modify D.25-06-052, and because this decision grants the relief requested, the comment period for this decision is waived pursuant to Rule 14.6(c)(2).

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Petition for Modification of Decision 23-12-016, filed by PacifiCorp on December 15, 2026, is granted. For the reasons stated herein, Decision 25-06-052 is modified with the following language:

Ordering Paragraph 1.b: “PacifiCorp, doing business as Pacific Power, may continue the use of the Energy Cost Adjustment Clause and Post-Test Year Adjustment Mechanism (PTAM) for the years 2023-2026, and the PTAM Attrition Factor may continue to be filed for 2025 and 2026 as a Tier 2 Advice Letter. PacifiCorp may file its 2025 PTAM Attrition Factor Tier 2 Advice Letter by May 11, 2026. PacifiCorp shall file its 2026 PTAM Attrition Factor by October 15, 2026.”

2. Application 22-05-006 is closed.

This order is effective today.

Dated April 9, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

JOHN REYNOLDS

President

DARCIE L. HOUCK

KAREN DOUGLAS

CHRISTINE HARADA

Commissioners

Commissioner Matthew Baker recused himself from this agenda item and was not part of the quorum in its consideration.