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Attention:

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RE:

Application of PacifiCorp

**Docket UM 1102(7)** 

Enclosed for filing by PacifiCorp dba, Pacific Power, is an Application for Reauthorization of Deferred Accounting Regarding Intervenor Funding Grants. Also attached is the Notice of Application by PacifiCorp, pursuant to OAR 860-027-0300(3)(e). An original and one copy will be provided via overnight delivery.

The company respectfully requests that data requests regarding this matter be addressed to:

By E-mail (preferred):

datarequest@pacificorp.com.

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Data Request Response Center

**PacifiCorp** 

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Other questions with respect to this filing may be directed to Joelle Steward at (503) 813-5542.

Respectfully,

Andrea L. Kelly

Vice President, Regulation

Enclosures

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# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

### **UM 1102(7)**

In the Matter of the Application of PACIFICORP for Reauthorization of Deferred Accounting Regarding Intervenor Funding Grants.

## APPLICATION OF PACIFICORP

1		Pursuant to ORS 757.259 and OAR 860-027-0300, PacifiCorp, d.b.a. Pacific Power
2	(or "C	Company"), files this application ("Application") with the Public Utility Commission of
3	Oregon ("Commission") for an order reauthorizing the Company to record and defer, on an	
4	ongoing basis, the cost of intervenor funding grants under ORS 757.259(3). The Company	
5	respectfully requests reauthorization for a 12-month period commencing August 1, 2010.	
6		In support of this Application, PacifiCorp states:
7	A.	PacifiCorp
8		PacifiCorp is a public utility in the state of Oregon and is subject to the jurisdiction of
9	the C	Commission with regard to rates, service, and accounting practices. PacifiCorp also
10	provides retail electricity service in the states of California, Idaho, Utah, Washington, and	
11	Wyoming.	
12	В.	Statutory Authority
13		This Application is filed pursuant to ORS 757.259, which authorizes the deferral of
14	expenses or revenues of a public utility for later incorporation in rates.	
15	C.	Communications
16		Communications regarding this Application should be addressed to:

**PacifiCorp** 825 NE Multnomah, Suite 1800 825 NE Multnomah, Suite 2000 Portland, OR 97232 Portland, OR 97232 Telephone: (503) 813-5977 Telephone: (503) 813-5542 Facsimile: (503) 813-7252 Facsimile: (503) 813-6060 E-mail: michelle.mishoe@pacificorp.com E-mail: oregondockets@pacificorp.com 1 In addition, PacifiCorp requests that all data requests regarding this Application be 2 sent to the following: 3 By email (preferred): datarequest@pacificorp.com 4 By regular mail: Data Request Response Center PacifiCorp 5 6 825 NE Multnomah, Suite 2000 7 Portland, Oregon 97232 8 Informal questions may be directed to Joelle Steward, Oregon Regulatory Manager at 9 (503) 813-5542. 10 D. **Basis for Application** 11 1. **Statutory Authority** 12 ORS 757.072 authorizes the Commission to approve an agreement between an energy 13 utility and a customer organization for intervenor funding. ORS 757.259(3) allows a utility 14 to recover intervenor funding in rates through deferred accounting: 15 "Upon request of the public utility, the commission by order 16 shall allow deferral of amounts provided as financial assistance 17 under an agreement entered into under ORS 757.072 for later incorporation in rates." 18 19 Deferred amounts under ORS 757.259(3) are not subject to the percentage of gross revenues 20 limitation on amortization or other provisions of subsections (5), (6), (7), and (8) of ORS 21 757.259. 22 2. **Commission Approval of the Intervenor Funding Agreement** 23 On July 2, 2003, pursuant to section 2 of the Intervenor Funding Act, the Commission

issued Order No. 03-388 in Docket AR 462, which, among other things, approved the

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- 1 Intervenor Funding Agreement among PacifiCorp, Portland General Electric Company,
- 2 Northwest Natural Gas Company, Northwest Industrial Gas Users, Citizens' Utility Board of
- 3 Oregon ("CUB"), and Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities, dated February 5, 2003
- 4 (the "Intervenor Funding Agreement"). On December 19, 2007, the Commission issued
- 5 Order No. 07-564 in Docket UM 1357 approving the amended and restated Intervenor
- 6 Funding Agreement that extends intervenor funding until December 31, 2012. The
- 7 Intervenor Funding Agreement sets forth the amount of funding to be contributed by each
- 8 utility and the procedures for budget submittals by intervenors, Commission approval of
- 9 budgets, and the payment of grants by utilities.

#### 10 E. Request for Reauthorization of Deferred Accounting

- Under this docket, the Commission issued a series of orders authorizing PacifiCorp's
- deferral of Intervenor Funding Agreement costs. The Commission originally authorized
- deferral of the Intervenor Funding Agreement costs beginning September 17, 2003, in Order
- 14 03-560. The Commission has reauthorized this deferral annually in Order 05-862 (entered
- 15 July 18, 2005), in Order No. 06-251 (entered May 25, 2006), in Order No. 07-268 (entered
- June 11, 2007), in Order No. 08-324 (entered June 13, 2008), and most recently in Order No.
- 17 09-304 (entered August 3, 2009). Order No. 09-304 reauthorized the deferral until July 31,
- 18 2010. The Company seeks reauthorization of this deferral for a 12-month period beginning
- 19 August 1, 2010.

#### 20 F. Amounts Subject to Deferral

The Company anticipates that the maximum amounts to be deferred during the 12-

22 month period beginning August 1, 2010 will be:

Fund

CUB Fund	\$ 57,500
Preauthorized Matching Fund	\$ 57,500
Issue Fund	\$125,000
Total	\$240,000

#### G. Accounting

- 2 The Company proposes to record payment of Intervenor Funding Grants in Account
- 3 182.3—Miscellaneous Deferred Debits. In the absence of the Commission's approval of this
- 4 Application, the Company would not incur the cost of Intervenor Funding Grants. Were such
- 5 costs incurred, however, they would be recorded in Account 930—Miscellaneous General
- 6 Expenses.

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- WHEREFORE, PacifiCorp respectfully requests that in accordance with ORS
- 8 757.259(3), the Commission reauthorize the Company to record and defer, on an ongoing
- 9 basis and commencing as of August 1, 2010, Intervenor Funding Grants incurred by the
- 10 Company pursuant to the Intervenor Funding Agreement, as described in this Application.

DATED: June 30, 2010.

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Legal Counsel Pacific Power

Counsel for PacifiCorp

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing document to parties in Docket UM-1102, on the date indicated below by email or US Mail if an email address has not been provided, addressed to said parties at his or her last-known address(es) indicated below.

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