

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON

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In the Matter of the Application of) JOINT STATEMENT ON GLOBAL
MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company) WARMING ISSUES BY THE
and PacifiCorp for an Order Authorizing) CITIZENS' UTILITY BOARD OF
MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company) OREGON, THE NATURAL
to Exercise Substantial Influence Over the) RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL,
Policies and Actions of PacifiCorp.) AND THE RENEWABLE
) NORTHWEST PROJECT

JOINT STATEMENT ON GLOBAL WARMING ISSUES

This statement is part of the responses of the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB), the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), and the Renewable Northwest Project (RNP) to the Commission's January 18, 2006 Bench Request. CUB, NRDC and RNP have all emphasized the importance of the merged company's position on global warming issues; at more than 70 million tons per year of carbon dioxide emissions, it will be among the world's largest contributors to escalating atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases.

Our hope had been, no later than this filing, to reach agreement with MidAmerican that the Company and its Oregon (and other) constituents should work together to help the Congress make bipartisan progress on measures to slow, stop and reverse the growth in emissions of greenhouse gases, including but not limited to reasonable mandatory limits on U.S. emissions and market-based approaches to minimizing any associated costs. We hoped for a common understanding that continuing uncertainty about the nature and scope of federal greenhouse-gas regulation is costly in both environmental and economic terms, and that we should do our best together to help

all parties involved find a constructive path forward. We recognized that many crucial details of implementation remained to be resolved, but we anticipated and expected consensus that progress toward mandatory limits on global warming pollution was an important national priority.

In this we prove to have been mistaken. Despite strenuous, good faith efforts by all involved to find a resolution, it is now clear that MidAmerican's management is not yet prepared to acknowledge a need for reasonable mandatory federal limits on global warming pollution. We are profoundly disappointed at this, and we will continue to do all we can to persuade the company to join the many other utilities that are assuming a leadership role on climate solutions. And we regret very much our inability to provide the Oregon Commission with a more positive report on this crucial issue.

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