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Re: Notice of New Party to Stipulation

Docket UM 1209

Enclosed for filing please find the Notice of New Party to Stipulation in the above-referenced docket. A copy of this document has been served on all parties to this proceeding as indicated on the attached certificate of service.

Very truly yours.

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1	BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON			
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4	In the Matter of MIDAMERICAN ENERGY HOLDINGS COMPANY	NOTICE OF NEW PARTY TO STIPULATION		
5 6	Application for Authorization to Acquire Pacific Power & Light, d/b/a PacifiCorp			
7	On December 23, 2005, MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company (MEHC) and			
8	PacifiCorp filed a Stipulation and other supporting documents in this case. The Stipulation			
9	was supported by Staff, CUB, ICNU, Renewable Northwest Project, Natural Resources			
10	Defense Council, CADO, OECA, League of Oregon Cities, Sherman County, and Pacific			
11	Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations.			
12	Paragraph 1 of the Stipulation provided that it would be made available to other			
13	parties to this docket, who could participate by signing the Stipulation. On January 4, 2006			
14	the Yurok Tribe joined the Stipulation. Exhibit 1 to this Notice is the Stipulation, executed			
15	by Curtis Berkey, on behalf of the Yurok Tribe.			
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Exhibit 1

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

UM 1209

In the Matter of MIDAMERICAN ENERGY HOLDINGS COMPANY Application for Authorization to Acquire Pacific Power & Light, dbaPacifiCorp

STIPULATION

This Stipulation is entered into for the purpose of resolving all issues in this proceeding by and among the parties as set forth below.

PARTIES

- 1. The initial parties to this Stipulation ("Stipulation") are MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company ("MEHC"), PacifiCorp, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Staff"), the Citizens' Utilities Board ("CUB"), the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities ("ICNU"), Renewable Northwest Project ("RNP"); Natural Resources Defense Council ("NRDC"); Community Action Directors of Oregon ("CADO"), Oregon Energy Coordinators Association ("OECA"), League of Oregon Cities; Sherman County; and Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations ("PCFFA") (together "the Parties" and individually "Party"). This Stipulation will be made available to other parties to this docket, who may participate by signing and filing a copy of this Stipulation.
- 2. The Parties, by signing this Stipulation, acknowledge that the Applicants have satisfied the "net benefits" standard in Oregon pursuant to ORS 757.511 for approval of the Application, amended as provided for in this Stipulation, and that the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (the "Commission") should issue an order approving the Stipulation and providing the approvals and declaratory rulings that the Applicants have requested in the Application.

3. The Parties agree to support Commission approval of the Application and this Stipulation. This Stipulation will be offered into the record of this proceeding as evidence pursuant to OAR 860-014-0085. The Parties agree to support this Stipulation throughout this proceeding and any appeal, provide witnesses to sponsor this Stipulation at the hearing and recommend that the Commission issue an order adopting the settlements contained herein. If any other party to this proceeding challenges this Stipulation, the Parties agree to cooperate in cross-examination and put on such a case as they deem appropriate to respond fully to the issues presented, which may include raising issues that are incorporated in the settlements embodied in this Stipulation.

BACKGROUND

- 4. On July 15, 2005, MEHC filed an Application with the Commission authorizing a proposed transaction ("Transaction") whereby MEHC would acquire all of the outstanding common stock of PacifiCorp from ScottishPower and PacifiCorp would thereafter become an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of MEHC. On August 17, 2005, MEHC filed revisions to the Application to reflect the repeal of the Public Utility Holding Company Act by the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Concurrent with the filing of this Stipulation, MEHC will file an amended Application including Berkshire Hathaway Inc. ("Berkshire Hathaway") as an applicant.
- 5. The Parties have reviewed the Application, the pre-filed testimony of the Parties, the amendments to the Application and MEHC's and PacifiCorp's responses to the extensive discovery requests submitted in this proceeding.
- 6. Since October 2005, the Parties have engaged in settlement discussions on the issues in this proceeding. The settlement discussions have been open to all parties to this Docket.

MODIFICATION

7. The Parties have negotiated this Stipulation as an integrated document. If the Commission rejects all or any material part of this Stipulation or imposes additional material conditions in approving the Application, any Party disadvantaged by such action shall have the right, upon written notice to the Commission and all Parties within 15 business days of the Commission's order, to withdraw from this Stipulation, pursue their rights under OAR 860-014-0085 and/or seek reconsideration or appeal of the Commission's order. However, prior to withdrawal, the Party shall engage in a good faith negotiation process with the other Parties. No Party withdrawing from this Stipulation, including MEHC and PacifiCorp, shall be bound to any position, commitment, or condition of this Stipulation.

EFFECTIVE DATE

- 8. Subject to Paragraph 9 of this Stipulation, the effective date of this Stipulation shall be the date of the closing of the Transaction.
- 9. The obligations of MEHC and PacifiCorp under this Stipulation are subject to the Commission's approval of the Application in this docket on terms and conditions acceptable to MEHC and PacifiCorp, in their sole discretion, and the closing of the Transaction.

AGREEMENT

10. Concurrent with the filing of this Stipulation, MEHC will file an amended Application including Berkshire Hathaway as an applicant. The Application will also seek a declaration, based upon sworn statements that will be attached as exhibits, that neither Warren Buffett nor Walter Scott, Jr. (together, the "Shareholders") are necessary applicants under ORS 757.511. The sworn statements of Warren Buffett and Walter Scott, Jr. will provide that neither will exercise any control, directly or indirectly, on matters that pertain to PacifiCorp (except for matters relating to PacifiCorp that are ministerial in nature). The sworn statements will also

provide that the Shareholders will recuse themselves from voting as MEHC or Berkshire Hathaway directors on MEHC or Berkshire Hathaway Board of Directors matters concerning PacifiCorp activities or operations. The sworn statements will provide that the future transfer of the Shareholders' shares will require an agreement by the transferee to abide by the limitations recited above, as applicable, regarding the power to exercise substantial influence over PacifiCorp if, to the Shareholders' knowledge, the transferee would own 5% or more of the voting interests of MEHC or Berkshire Hathaway after such transfer.. By the foregoing, the Shareholders, PacifiCorp, MEHC and Berkshire Hathaway do not concede that such transferees are affiliated interests as defined by ORS 757.015(1)-(3).

- 11. Parties have reviewed final drafts of the amended Application and the Shareholders' sworn statements for the last five (5) business days preceding this filing, or have expressly agreed to waive the requirement of this review period. No more than (7) seven business days after the filing of the amended Application and the Shareholders' sworn statements, Parties may withdraw from the Stipulation if any of these documents has been significantly modified without agreement of the Parties.
- 12. The Parties agree that the filings described in Paragraph 10 of this Stipulation are sufficient to address the issue of the applicants necessary for approval of the Application under ORS 757.511 and the underlying Transaction, both in general and as specifically applied to Berkshire Hathaway, Warren Buffett and Walter Scott, Jr. The Parties will not advocate that Berkshire Hathaway, Warren Buffett and Walter Scott, Jr., as a result of the filings described in Paragraph 10 of this Stipulation and the underlying Transaction, are "public utilities" as defined by ORS 757.005. The Parties also agree that no additional discovery is necessary on Berkshire Hathaway or the Shareholders to process and approve the Application.

- 13. Exhibit 1 contains the complete list of Commitments that MEHC and PacifiCorp (and Berkshire Hathaway, as applicable) agree to as a part of this Stipulation ("Commitments"). The Commitments are comprised of two categories of commitments; commitments entered into by MEHC and PacifiCorp applicable to all the states in which PacifiCorp's service territory extends and Oregon-specific commitments which apply only to the activities and operations of MEHC and PacifiCorp within Oregon. By virtue of executing this Stipulation, MEHC and PacifiCorp agree to perform all of the Commitments set forth in Exhibit 1 according to the provisions of each Commitment. Berkshire Hathaway shall perform the Commitments applicable to it as provided in Commitment O 5.
- 14. The Commitments may be expanded or modified as a result of regulatory decisions or settlements in other states. MEHC and PacifiCorp agree that the Commission shall have an opportunity and the authority to consider and adopt in Oregon any commitments or conditions to which MEHC and PacifiCorp agree or with which MEHC and PacifiCorp are required to comply in other jurisdictions, even if such commitments and conditions are agreed to after the Commission enters its order in this docket. This agreement does not preclude MEHC and PacifiCorp from requiring a state to substitute or eliminate certain commitments if there were explicit trade-offs agreed among commitments during settlement negotiations, that are memorialized in a Stipulation, Testimony or other settlement document. If MEHC and PacifiCorp accept a commitment in another jurisdiction by which PacifiCorp agrees not to file a new rate case for a period of time, MEHC and PacifiCorp will not make such commitment the subject of a trade-off for an Oregon commitment. To facilitate the Commission's consideration and adoption of the commitments and conditions from other jurisdictions, the Parties urge the

¹ Exhibit 1 explicitly identifies where such trade-offs were made by the Parties in Oregon. The Parties will also include a chart of these trade-offs in their Joint Testimony.

Commission to issue an order accepting this Stipulation as soon as practical, but to reserve in such order the explicit right to re-open Exhibit 1 to add (without modification of the language thereof except such non-substantive changes as are necessary to make the commitment or condition applicable to Oregon) commitments and conditions accepted or ordered in another state jurisdiction. To provide input to the Commission to facilitate a prompt decision regarding the desirability or lack of desirability for these out-of-state commitments and conditions to be adopted in Oregon, the Parties agree to and recommend the following process:

- Within five calendar days after a stipulation with new or amended commitments
 is filed by MEHC and PacifiCorp with a commission in another state jurisdiction,
 MEHC and PacifiCorp will send a copy of the stipulation and commitments to the
 Parties.
- Within five calendar days after a commission in another state jurisdiction issues an order that accepts a stipulation to which MEHC and PacifiCorp are a party or otherwise imposes new or modified commitments or conditions, that order, together with all commitments and conditions of any type agreed to by MEHC and PacifiCorp or ordered by the commission in such other state, will be filed with the Commission and served on all parties to this docket by the most expeditious means practical.
- Within ten calendar days after the last such filing from the other states ("Final Filing"), any party to the docket wishing to do so shall file with the Commission its response, including its position as to whether any of the covenants, commitments and conditions from the other jurisdictions (without modification of the language thereof except such non-substantive changes as are necessary to

make the commitment or condition applicable to Oregon) should be adopted in Oregon.

• Within five calendar days after any such response filing, any party to the docket may file a reply with the Commission. If the 5th calendar day falls on Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday, the next business day will be considered as the 5th day.

The Parties agree to support in their filings (or by representation of same by MEHC) the issuance by the Commission of an order regarding the adoption of such commitments and conditions as soon as practical thereafter, recognizing that the Transaction cannot close until final state orders have been issued.

- 15. The following provisions, applicable only to the Parties, will become effective upon the closing of the Transaction:
 - a) MEHC and PacifiCorp will support a five-year renewal of the Intervenor Funding Agreement ("IFA") dated February 5, 2003, such that the current funding for the types of consumers represented by the signatories to the IFA who are currently receiving funding does not expire on December 31, 2007.
 - b) Through December 31, 2011, MEHC and PacifiCorp will both confer with the signatories and provide drafts in a timely manner prior to introducing legislation in the Oregon Legislature that would impact Oregon utility regulation, including Oregon city franchise authority.
 - c) MEHC has no current intention to acquire other public utilities as defined by ORS 757.005. If that intention should ever change, MEHC will confer with the signatories before public announcement of such an acquisition, subject to agreements regarding confidentiality.

- d) Within 90 days of the close of the Transaction, MEHC and PacifiCorp will begin working with ICNU, and any other interested party, to evaluate and, if mutually agreed to be appropriate, file with the Commission service quality standards related to industrial customers, with a focus on high tech companies. MEHC, PacifiCorp and ICNU, and any other interested party, will report back to the Commission on the conclusions and recommendations reached no later than February 1, 2007. MEHC and PacifiCorp acknowledge that modifications to existing customer service guarantees and performance standards may result from this process and nothing in Commitments 1 or 45 will preclude these from being filed if mutually agreed-upon by the Parties.
- e) Senior executives of MEHC and PacifiCorp will make themselves available upon request to the signatories to discuss regulatory, customer service, and energy policy issues.
- f) MEHC and PacifiCorp commit to notify Parties if PacifiCorp is contemplating changes to system operations that would adversely affect community renewable energy projects as described in Commitment O 28.
- g) MEHC and PacifiCorp agree that the provisions of this paragraph are subject to Commitment O 1, regarding enforcement and dispute resolution.
- 16. The Parties agree to support the specified amounts of the downgrade adjustments referenced in Commitment O 14 of Exhibit 1 to the extent such adjustments become necessary.
- 17. The Parties will not oppose in any proceeding the concept of the captive insurance affiliate for the purposes proposed in this Stipulation.

- 18. The Parties agree to support recovery over a reasonable period of prudent costs associated with the IGCC studies in Commitment O 33, consistent with Oregon law and regulatory practice.
- 19. PacifiCorp agrees that any rate case filed before the close of the Transaction will include pro forma adjustments, as appropriate, to allow for the implementation of Oregon Commitments O 8 thru O 12.
- 20. Parties will encourage the Commission to enter an order granting final Oregon approval as soon as possible but not later than February 28, 2006. The Parties agree not to request an extension of the suspension period in this case, which now expires on February 28, 2006, from MEHC and PacifiCorp.
- 21. Not later than the Final Filing, MEHC and PacifiCorp will disclose to the Parties any written commitments, conditions or covenants made in Oregon or another state jurisdiction (between the date of the filing of the Stipulation and the receipt of the last state order in the transaction docket) intended to encourage approval of the transaction or avoidance of an objection thereto.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

- 22. By executing this Stipulation, no Party waives any right to assert such positions regarding the prudence, just and reasonable character, rate or ratemaking impact or treatment, or public interest as they deem appropriate pertaining to any Commitment.
- 23. No commitments or conditions of this Stipulation are to be construed as mandating Commission enforcement of any settlement agreement solely subject to FERC jurisdiction nor pre-empting in any way FERC authority.

24. The Parties agree that this Stipulation represents a compromise in the positions of the Parties. As such, conduct, statements and documents disclosed in the negotiation of this Stipulation shall not be admissible as evidence in this or any other proceeding. By entering into this Stipulation, no Party shall be deemed to have approved, admitted or consented to the facts, principles, methods or theories employed by any other Party in arriving at the terms of this Stipulation, other than those specifically identified in the body of this Stipulation. No Party shall be deemed to have agreed that any provision of this Stipulation is appropriate for resolving issues in any other proceeding, except as expressly identified in the Stipulation.

25. By executing this Stipulation, the Parties agree that this Transaction and the Commitments as a whole are in the public interest, however, no individual Party is deemed to have agreed to each individual Commitment.

26. This Stipulation may be executed in counterparts and each signed counterpart shall constitute an original document.

This Stipulation is entered into by each Party as of the date entered below:				
Executed this day of December, 2005.				
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