

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1209

In the Matter of)	
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MIDAMERICAN ENERGY HOLDINGS)	
COMPANY)	RULING
)	
Application for Authorization to Acquire)	
Pacific Power & Light, dba PacifiCorp.)	

DISPOSITION: MOTION GRANTED

On November 21, 2005, MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company (MEHC) and Pacific Power & Light (PacifiCorp) moved to shorten the deadline for all responses to data requests issued on or after November 22 to five business days. By ruling, the deadline for a response was set for November 23, 2005. Only Commission Staff (Staff) responded, requesting that a caveat be added to the motion: “Staff agrees that it will use its best efforts to accomplish a five-day turnaround, while also reserving the right to confer with MEHC and PacifiCorp on any specific request that may require additional time.”

It is my understanding that Staff describes a typical practice among parties; that is, using best efforts to meet the data request deadline or else conferring with the requesting party if additional time is needed. *See, e.g.,* Hoopa Valley Tribe’s Motion to Compel, 2 (November 7, 2005). That customary practice should continue, with parties using their good-faith best efforts. With that caveat, the motion is granted, and the time for responses to data requests issued on or after November 22 shall be five business days.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 25th day of November, 2005.

Christina M. Smith
Administrative Law Judge