

**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: PETITIONS TO INTERVENE CONDITIONALLY
GRANTED**

On August 2, 2005, the prehearing conference in this docket was held, and petitions to intervene that were available and had been reviewed were granted at that time. Additional petitions to intervene have been submitted:

- The Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association filed a petition to intervene on August 1, 2005, asserting its interest on behalf of commercial fishermen in the regulation of the hydropower dams used by PacifiCorp in the Klamath Hydroelectric Project.
- American Rivers filed a petition to intervene on August 1, 2005, stating its particular concerns regarding the environmental effects of PacifiCorp's dams on the Klamath, North Umpqua, and Lewis Rivers.
- Hoopa Valley Tribe filed a petition to intervene on August 1, 2005, arguing that it has a special interest in how the utility manages water flow in the Klamath Basin and the effect on salmonids in the area.
- The Karuk Tribe of California filed a petition to intervene on August 2, 2005, asserting a cultural, ancestral, and economic interest in the protection and preservation of the middle and lower Klamath River and an interest in PacifiCorp's management of the Klamath Hydroelectric Project and its effects on the river.
- The Yurok Tribe filed a petition to intervene on August 2, 2005, stating an interest in PacifiCorp's management of the Klamath River, because its salmon and related species are a significant resource for the Tribe.
- The Oregon Department of Energy filed a petition to intervene on August 2, 2005, citing its statutory responsibility to study, evaluate and disseminate information about energy use in Oregon.
- The Community Action Directors of Oregon and Oregon Energy Coordinators Association (CADO/OECA) filed a petition to intervene on August 2, 2005, arguing that on behalf of low-income customers receiving energy assistance, it has an interest in examining Applicant's efforts to ease low-income customers' energy burden.

- The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 125, filed a petition to intervene on August 2, 2005, and represents a substantial number of PacifiCorp employees. IBEW has an interest in the application's effect on employees' working conditions, workplace safety, wages, and job security.
- Trout Unlimited filed a petition to intervene on August 4, 2005, arguing that it has an interest in PacifiCorp's management of its hydroelectric facilities and ongoing adherence to settlement agreements signed with Trout Unlimited.
- The NW Energy Coalition filed a petition to intervene on August 4, 2005, stating that it had a particular interest in ensuring that PacifiCorp's ownership serves the interests of ratepayers especially those with limited incomes, and contributes to improvements in the environment.

These parties have knowledge and expertise that will assist the Commission in resolving the issues presented in this proceeding. The parties assert that their participation in this proceeding will not unduly broaden the issues or burden the record.

The Petitions are conditionally granted. Any person wishing to contest a Petition may do so within 10 days of service of the Petition. If no person contests these Petitions, this decision shall be final.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 5th day of August, 2005.

Christina M. Smith
Administrative Law Judge