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Public Utility Commission of Oregon Attn: Filing Center 201 High Street SE, Suite 100 Salem, OR 97301-1166

#### Re: UE 399—PacifiCorp Errata Filing

PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power (PacifiCorp or the Company) hereby submits the attached Errata to the Reply Testimony (PAC/2000) of Ms. Sherona L. Cheung in the above-referenced docket.

Following review of a recent data request, the Company determined that certain statements made in Ms. Cheung's testimony needed to be corrected. This Errata corrects Ms. Cheung's testimony on page Cheung/65, lines 5-10, related to discussion of prepayment balances in revenue requirement. For convenience, both a red-line and clean version of the corrected testimony are enclosed.

Please direct informal questions to Cathie Allen, Regulatory Affairs Manager, at (503) 813-5934.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I delivered a true and correct copy of **PacifiCorp's Errata Reply Testimony of Sherona L. Cheung** on the parties listed below via electronic mail in compliance with OAR 860-001-0180.

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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

**OF OREGON** 

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**REDLINE** Errata Reply Testimony of Sherona L. Cheung

August 2022

1	This cash working capital amount is used to compensate the Company for the cash
2	outlay needed to operate the Company. In other words, cash working capital
3	represents a timing difference between when revenues are received versus when
4	expenses are paid.
5	AWEC's recommendation is to remove prepayments and long-term prepaid
6	maintenance. The 2015 Lead Lag study includes excludes consideration of
7	prepayments entirely because these balances are knowingly included in rate base,
8	however, unlike most items, prepayments are recorded using a negative lag. Negative
9	lag means that the Company paid an amount in advance of when the services were
10	received. Furthermore, negative lag is reducing the cash working capital requirement
11	from rate base because the Company records this balance separately in FERC
12	account 165. Removing prepayments as recommended by AWEC would
13	provide the Company no compensation for the time value of money in which the
14	Company has funded operations in advance of the service. Additionally, since this
15	amount is already credited in the eash working capital calculation, further removing
16	the prepayments from rate base would unfairly harm the Company for the advance
17	eash outlay.
18	Long-term prepaid maintenance largely represents amounts paid in advance
19	for significant maintenance on gas or wind plants. This maintenance is often
20	capitalized to the underlying asset and recovered through depreciation expense.
21	Depreciation expense is not included in the Company's 2015 Lead Lag study. The
22	Company recommends the Commission reject AWEC's proposal to remove these
23	balances that has a long history of being included in rate base.

Reply Testimony of Sherona L. Cheung

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## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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**CLEAN** Errata Reply Testimony of Sherona L. Cheung

August 2022

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9	compensation for the time value of money in which the Company has funded
10	operations in advance of the service.
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