1	BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON			
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4	In the Matter of PACIFICORP Requesting to Initiate an Investigation of Multi-			
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8	PARTIES			
9	1. The parties to this Stipulation are PacifiCorp (or the "Company"), the Staff of			
10	the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Staff"), the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon			
11	("CUB") (collectively "Oregon Parties"), and AARP.			
12	BACKGROUND			
13	2. As a result of discussions among representatives of PacifiCorp, Oregon, Utah,			
14	Washington, Idaho, and Wyoming regarding issues arising from PacifiCorp's status as a			
15	multi-jurisdictional utility, the Company has proposed interjurisdictional cost allocation			
16	methods that are embodied in a document titled the "Revised PacifiCorp Inter-Jurisdictional			
17	Cost Allocation Protocol" (the "Revised Protocol"). PacifiCorp has asked that the Public			
18	Utility Commission of Oregon (the "OPUC") and the utility commissions of the other			
19	jurisdictions in which it operates, ratify the Revised Protocol and use its allocation			
20	methodology in future regulatory proceedings. A copy of the Revised Protocol is attached as			
21	Exhibit A to this Stipulation. Capitalized terms used in this Stipulation are to have the same			
22	meaning as those used in the Revised Protocol and as set forth in its Appendix A.			
23	3. Included in the provisions of the Revised Protocol are those specifying how			
24	PacifiCorp's Hydro-Electric Resources, Mid-Columbia Contracts, and Existing QF Contracts			
25	will be allocated among the States.			
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- 1 4. Throughout this proceeding, Oregon Parties have made clear the importance
- 2 of maintaining the Hydro-Electric Resources and Mid-Columbia Contracts for Northwest
- 3 citizens. An allocation of these Resources to Oregon that is less than that contemplated by
- 4 the Revised Protocol is not acceptable to Oregon Parties. In order to secure the allocation of
- 5 the Mid-Columbia Contracts that is contemplated in the Revised Protocol, Oregon Parties
- 6 have accepted the allocation of the costs of Existing QF Contracts that is contemplated in the
- 7 Revised Protocol.
- The parties to this Stipulation recognize that there is uncertainty regarding the
- 9 future value of the Mid-Columbia Contracts and that it is possible that, during the remaining
- 10 term of the Existing QF Contracts, the costs to Oregon customers associated with the
- 11 contemplated allocation of Existing QF Contracts will exceed the benefits of the
- 12 contemplated allocation of Mid-Columbia Contracts. However, the Oregon Parties are
- 13 prepared to assume this risk because they expect that the contemplated allocation of Mid-
- 14 Columbia Contracts will continue to provide long-term benefits to Oregon customers after
- 15 the expiration of the Existing QF Contracts. Similarly, the parties to this Stipulation
- 16 recognize that the addition of relicensing costs to the Company's ratebase may cause the
- 17 Hydro-Electric Resources to be more costly than other market opportunities in the near term,
- 18 but Oregon Parties are willing to accept responsibility for these higher near-term costs in the
- 19 expectation that, as the relicensing costs are depreciated, Hydro-Electric Resources will yield
- 20 long-term benefits to Oregon customers. For the foregoing reasons, it is critical to Oregon
- 21 Parties that their entitlement to Hydro-Electric Resources and Mid-Columbia Contracts not
- 22 be abridged at any time in the future.
- Oregon Parties have been concerned that relatively faster-growing States
- 24 cause other States to unreasonably support the costs associated with that faster load growth.
- 25 Load-Based Dynamic Allocation Factors cause costs to be shifted to relatively faster-
- 26 growing States. However, in order to insulate slower-growing States from the consequences

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- 1 of faster load growth in other States, rates in relatively slower-growing States should
- 2 incorporate relatively current Load-Based Dynamic Allocation Factors, which reflect an
- 3 appropriate level of relative cost responsibility.

## 4 AGREEMENT

- 5 7. The undersigned parties hereby stipulate and agree that they will support the
- 6 ratification of the Revised Protocol by the OPUC and that they will file and defend testimony
- 7 supporting the use of the Revised Protocol as appropriate. Except as otherwise provided
- 8 below, PacifiCorp agrees that, as long as the Revised Protocol, or any amended version of the
- 9 Revised Protocol recommended by the MSP Standing Committee, is relied upon by the
- 10 OPUC for purposes of inter-jurisdictional allocation of the Company's costs, all PacifiCorp's
- 11 general rate case filings in Oregon will be based upon same. Except as otherwise provided
- 12 below, the Oregon Parties agree that, until such time as the Revised Protocol is amended in
- 13 accordance with its terms, they will support the use of the Revised Protocol for allocating
- 14 costs among PacifiCorp's jurisdictions.
- 8. Should the benefits or detriments to Oregon customers of the contemplated
- 16 allocations as specified in the Revised Protocol, or any amended version of the Revised
- 17 Protocol recommended by the MSP Standing Committee, no longer produce results that are
- 8 just, reasonable and in the public interest, any party to this Stipulation may propose
- 19 amendments to the Revised Protocol or propose to the OPUC that the OPUC depart from its
- 20 terms, so as to produce results that are just, reasonable and in the public interest.
- 9. Notwithstanding the status of the Revised Protocol as an inter-jurisdictional
- 22 cost allocation method, if any party to this Stipulation proposes a material change to the
- 23 allocation methodology for Hydro-Electric Resources, Mid-Columbia Contracts or Existing
- 24 QF Contracts as specified in the Revised Protocol, the proposed change should be consistent
- 25 with the trade-off between near-term negative impacts of Existing QF Contracts and long-
- 26 term positive impacts of Mid-Columbia Contracts and the potential near-term costs and long-

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- 1 term benefits of Hydro-Electric Resources as described in Sections 4 and 5 of this2 Stipulation.
- 3 10. As provided for in Section XIII C of the Revised Protocol, a party's initial
- 4 support of the Revised Protocol will not bind that party in the event that unforeseen
- 5 circumstances cause that party to conclude that the Revised Protocol no longer produces just
- 6 and reasonable results. To allow Oregon Parties to monitor the impacts of the Revised
- 7 Protocol, the Company's annual reports of operation, and general rate case filings filed with
- 8 the OPUC for the ten years following the OPUC's ratification of the Revised Protocol shall
- 9 include calculations of the Company's Oregon revenue requirement under both the Revised
- 10 Protocol and the Modified Accord methods, and shall include and adequately explain all
- 11 adjustments, assumptions, work papers and spreadsheet models used by the Company in
- 12 making such calculations. Such annual reports shall also include forecasts of Load-Based
- 13 Dynamic Allocation Factors for the Company fiscal year subsequent to the reporting period.
- 14 11. In consideration of the concerns set forth in Section 6, the parties to this
- 15 Stipulation agree that following Commission ratification of the Revised Protocol, and as long
- 16 as Load Based Dynamic Allocation Factors are relied upon by the OPUC for allocating costs
- 17 of New Resources:
- 18 (a) If the Company's annual report of operations demonstrates that the
- 19 Company's return on equity for its Oregon operations, including Type I and Type II
- adjustments, is 200 basis points or more above the most recently authorized rate of return
- 21 in Oregon, and
- 22 (b) Oregon's Load-Based Dynamic Allocation Factors are forecasted to decline in
- 23 the fiscal year subsequent to the reporting period, then:
- 24 (c) The Company will file within 90 days to establish a tariff rider that credits to
- Oregon customers the difference between the results of operations as filed and the results

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1	of operations restated using the forecasted Load-Based Dynamic Allocation Factors for		
2	the fiscal year subsequent to the reporting period.		
3	(d)	The tariff rider will remain in effect until the earlier of:	
4		(i) the effective date of a rate change from a general rate proceeding, or	
5		(ii) one year from the effective date of the tariff rider.	
6	(e)	The Company's annual report of operations as provided for in subsection (a)	
7	shall not include the effects of any tariff rider pursuant to this section.		
8	12.	Within 30 days following the date that the Revised Protocol is finally ratified,	
9	as contemplat	ed in Section XIII D of the Revised Protocol, the Company shall initiate efforts	
10	with each Cor	mmission that has finally ratified the Revised Protocol to organize the MSP	
11	Standing Con	nmittee. Within 90 days of such final ratification of the Revised Protocol, the	
12	Company sha	ll file with each Commission that has finally ratified the Revised Protocol a	
13	proposed budget sufficient to reasonably fund the appointment of the Standing Neutral and		
14	the activities	described in Section XIII B of the Revised Protocol for a 12-month period.	
15	13.	If the Revised Protocol is ratified by the Commission, if so requested by the	
16	Commission	within 90 days of such ratification, PacifiCorp will make a filing in Oregon for	
17	the purpose of	f changing rates so as to implement the Revised Protocol. Nothing in this	
18	Stipulation sh	all otherwise alter or abridge PacifiCorp's right to initiate Oregon rate	
19	proceedings when it deems appropriate to do so.		
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1	SIGNATURES		
2	This stipulation may be executed in counterparts and each signed counterpart shall		
3	constitute an original document.		
4	DATED this 22nd day of July 2004.		
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