## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

### **OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of the Joint Application of PacifiCorp and Umatilla Electric Cooperative for Approval of Allocation of Service Territory for a Specific Customer

JOINT APPLICATION

PacifiCorp, d.b.a. Pacific Power, and Umatilla Electric Cooperative ("UEC") (collectively the "Parties" and individually each a "Party") file this Joint Application ("Application") pursuant to ORS 758.410 through ORS 758.420 and OAR 860-025-0010 for an order from the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Commission") approving a Customer Allocation Agreement executed by both Parties on or about July 21, 2015 ("Agreement").

### A. Legal Standard

The Commission has statutory authority to approve the Agreement. Pursuant to ORS 758.415, and according to the terms of the Agreement, the Agreement shall become valid and enforceable in its entirety when approved by the Commission. ORS 758.415 further states that the Commission shall approve the Agreement upon a finding that the Agreement will eliminate or avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, and will promote the efficient and economic use and development and the safety of operation of the Parties' utility systems, while providing adequate and reasonable service to all territories and customers affected thereby. Pursuant to ORS 758.425(1), unless a hearing is held according to the terms of ORS 758.420, the

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Commission may issue an order approving the Agreement on the basis of this Application.

## **B.** Applicable Facts

PacifiCorp and UEC are each engaged in the retail sale of electricity within exclusive service territories approved by the Commission. PacifiCorp's and UEC's respective service territories include areas located adjacent to each other in Umatilla County, Oregon.

UEC provides retail electric service to an industrial customer that owns and operates a facility ("Facility") located in Umatilla County, Oregon ("Customer"). The Facility includes an existing building, the majority of which is located within UEC's service territory, but that partially extends into PacifiCorp's service territory ("Existing Building"). UEC provides all electric service to the Existing Building using a substation that UEC constructed for the purpose of serving the Facility and any expansion of the Facility.

The Customer intends to expand the Facility by constructing a new building that will share a wall of the Existing Building as a common wall ("Expansion Building"). The Expansion Building will be located within PacifiCorp's service territory. The Expansion Building and the portion of the Existing Building extending into PacifiCorp's service territory are referred to herein as the "Allocated Buildings." The Customer would like UEC to serve the Allocated Buildings, and fully supports the allocation made in the Agreement. UEC's substation already has sufficient capacity to serve the Allocated Buildings, whereas PacifiCorp would have to build new facilities in order to do so.

Due to the location of the Allocated Buildings, and given the facilities already constructed by UEC, rigidly adhering to existing service territory boundaries would be duplicative and inefficient. Accordingly, the Parties entered into the Agreement, which, upon approval by the Commission, will expressly authorize UEC to serve the Allocated Buildings Page 2 – JOINT APPLICATION notwithstanding the fact that they are located in PacifiCorp's service territory. The Agreement does not affect any retail customers of the Parties other than the Customer. The Agreement meets the standard set forth in ORS 758.415 for Commission approval because it will: (i) Avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities; (ii) Promote the efficient and economic use and development, and the safety of operation, of the Parties' utility systems; and (iii) Provide adequate and reasonable service to the Customer.

## C. The Joint Applicants

The name and principal business office of each applicant is as follows:

PacifiCorp	Umatilla Electric Cooperative
825 NE Multnomah Street	750 W. Elm Ave.
Portland, OR 97232	P.O. Box 1148
	Hermiston, OR 97838

PacifiCorp is an electric public utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. PacifiCorp provides retail electric service to customers in California, Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

UEC is an electric cooperative organized under ORS Chapter 62. UEC serves a large portion of the Columbia Basin and Blue Mountain country of Northeastern Oregon. UEC's territory is located west of Boardman in Morrow County and covers much of Umatilla County surrounding the cities of Hermiston and Pendleton and into the Blue Mountains.

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# **D.** Correspondence and Pleadings

All notices and communications regarding this Application should be addressed to:

# For PacifiCorp:

PacifiCorp Oregon Dockets	PacifiCorp Legal Department
825 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 2000	825 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 2000
Portland, OR 97232	Portland, OR 97232
Email: OregonDockets@pacificorp.com	Attn: Oregon Regulatory Attorney
	Fax: 503.813.7252

## For UEC:

Umatilla Electric Cooperative	Cable Huston LLP
Attn: General Manager and CEO	Attn: Thomas M. Grim
750 W. Elm Ave.	1001 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 2000
P.O. Box 1148	Portland, OR 97204
Hermiston, OR 97838	tgrim@cablehuston.com
steve.eldrige@umatillaelectric.com	

In addition, the Parties respectfully request that any data requests regarding this matter

be addressed to:

By e-mail (preferred): datarequest@pacificorp.com; tgrim@cablehuston.com

By regular mail:	Data Request Response Center PacifiCorp 825 NE Multnomah, Suite 2000 Portland, OR 97232
	Cable Huston LLP Attn: Thomas M. Grim 1001 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 2000 Portland, OR 97204
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## E. Application Requirements under OAR 860-025-0010

As required by OAR 860-025-0010, the Parties submit the following information in support of this Application:

## **1.** Copy of the Agreement

A redacted version of the Agreement is included as Attachment A to this Application. The Agreement contains sensitive business information that the Parties and the Customer wish to keep confidential. Thus, the Parties have filed, along with this Application, a motion for a standard Commission protective order. Upon entry of such protective order, the Parties will disclose an unredacted version of the Agreement to the Commission and to any other eligible recipients.

## 2. Maps of the Joint Applicants' Service Territories

Maps depicting the general location and boundaries of PacifiCorp's service territory are on file with the Commission, and there have been no material changes. Maps depicting the general location and boundaries of UEC's service territory are also on file with the Commission, and there have been no material changes.

## **3.** Maps Depicting Customer Location

Upon entry of a protective order as discussed above, the Parties will file with the Commission and any other eligible recipients a map depicting the location of the Allocated Buildings. No other customers or facilities are affected by the Agreement.

## 4. Description of Territory Being Transferred and/or Allocated

The Agreement only allows UEC to serve the Allocated Buildings within PacifiCorp's territory, and the Agreement expressly provides that no part of either Party's service territory will be transferred or allocated.

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## 5. Description of Equipment and Facilities Being Exchanged

No facilities or equipment are being sold, exchanged, transferred or leased pursuant to the terms of the Agreement.

# 6. Facts showing that the contract will eliminate or avoid unnecessary duplicating facilities, and will promote the efficient and economic use and development and the safety of operation of the utility service systems of the parties to the contract, while providing adequate and reasonable service to all territories and customers affected thereby.

The Agreement recognizes the fact that UEC already serves the Existing Building. UEC has made investments in a substation and related facilities, which already include the additional capacity needed to serve the Allocated Buildings. If PacifiCorp were to serve the Allocated Buildings, on the other hand, it would have to construct new facilities, some of which would duplicate UEC's existing facilities. Therefore, the proposed customer allocation set out in the Agreement will eliminate or avoid the need for unnecessary duplicating facilities. The Agreement promotes the efficient, economic and safe development and operation of the Parties' utility systems by allowing UEC to continue serving the Customer from existing facilities that are already integrated into its electric system.

Each Party will continue to serve all other existing customers within their respective service territories from the same facilities as were used prior to the Agreement. Each Party has a proven record of providing safe and reliable service to existing customers. Further, each Party's existing facilities will allow them to provide safe, efficient and reliable service to any future development occurring in their existing allocated service territories.

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## F. Conclusion

As set forth above, the customer allocation proposed in the Agreement is an effective means of serving the Customer while avoiding unnecessary duplication of facilities and promoting safe, efficient and economic service within the Parties' service territories. PacifiCorp and UEC respectfully request a Commission order approving the Agreement.

DATED: August 20, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

PACIFICORP

/s/ Dustin Till Dustin Till, OSB No. 100534 Of Attorneys for Pacific Power

CABLE HUSTON LLP

<u>/s/ Thomas M. Grim</u> Thomas M. Grim, OSB No. 882182 Of Attorneys for Umatilla Electric Cooperative

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### **CUSTOMER ALLOCATION AGREEMENT**

This Customer Allocation Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into by and between PacifiCorp d/b/a/ Pacific Power ("PacifiCorp"), an Oregon corporation, and Umatilla Electric Cooperative ("UEC") an Oregon cooperative corporation, each hereinafter sometimes referred to as a "Party" or together as the "Parties."

## RECITALS

A. PacifiCorp and UEC are each engaged in the retail sale of electricity to customers within defined service territories approved by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (the "Commission"). PacifiCorp's and UEC's respective service territories include areas located adjacent to each other in Umatilla County, Oregon.

B. UEC provides retail electric service to a data center facility ("Facility") owned and operated by through its subsidiary for the facility is located on Tax Lot No. The majority of the Facility is located within UEC's service territory. For purposes of this Agreement, the term for the shall mean and any of its subsidiaries (including for the facility assignees or successors in interest.

C. The Facility includes an existing building, the majority of which is located within UEC's service territory, but partially extends into PacifiCorp's service territory ("Existing Building"). UEC provides electric service to the Existing Building.

D. **Description** desires to construct an expansion of the Existing Building ("Expansion Building") that will utilize the northern wall as a common wall of the Existing Building and the Expansion Building. The planned Expansion Building will be located within PacifiCorp's service territory. The Existing Building and the planned Expansion Building are shown on Exhibit A to this Agreement. That portion of the Existing Building that extends into PacifiCorp's service territory and the Expansion Building shall be referred to herein as the "Allocated Buildings".

E. UEC desires to serve the Allocated Buildings via its which UEC constructed for the sole purpose of serving the Facility. The has sufficient capacity to serve the Allocated Buildings.

F. desires to receive retail electric service for the Allocated Buildings from UEC.

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G. The Parties believe that the customer allocation provided for in this Agreement will eliminate or avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, and will promote the efficient and economic use and development and the safety of operation of the utility systems of the Parties, while providing adequate and reasonable service to all affected customers.

H. Therefore, PacifiCorp and UEC hereby desire to enter into this Agreement to seek Commission approval for the proposed customer allocation and to complete the transactions contemplated by this Agreement on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

### AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and releases set forth herein, the Parties agree as follows:

## SECTION I CUSTOMER ALLOCATION

1.01 <u>Effective Date</u>. This Agreement shall become effective upon the execution of this Agreement by both Parties ("Effective Date"); Provided, however, that Section 1.02 (a) and Section 1.02 (b) of this Agreement shall be be enforceable only upon approval of this Agreement by the Commission in accordance with ORS 758.415.

1.02 <u>Allocation of Rights and Obligations</u>. Subject to all terms and conditions of this Agreement:

(a) UEC shall have the right and obligation to provide retail electric service to the Allocated Buildings.

(b) PacifiCorp shall have no right or obligation to provide retail electric service to the Allocated Buildings.

(c) This Agreement does not provide for a permanent adjustment to PacifiCorp's or UEC's respective service territories. Instead, this Agreement allocates the obligation to provide retail electric service to the Allocated Buildings to UEC consistent with the terms and conditions herein.

(d) This Agreement shall not increase, decrease, alter, or transfer the service territories, assets or liabilities of either Party.

1.03 <u>Release of Claims</u>. PacifiCorp and UEC mutually agree to release and discharge one another, including their respective successors in interest, assignees, and their officers, directors, employees, shareholders, members and agents from all claims, demands, causes of action, suits, damages, liabilities, compensation, costs, expenses and losses, whether known or unknown, that arise from or are related to the customer allocation herein, including UEC's provision of retail electric service to the Allocated Buildings.

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1.04 <u>Term</u>. The term of this Agreement will continue for as long as or any of its subsidiaries, assignees, or successors in interest use or occupy the Allocated Buildings and desire retail electric service from UEC. This Agreement will automatically terminate once the Allocated Buildings are no longer used or occupied by **Security** or any of its subsidiaries, assignees, or successors in interest.

1.05 <u>Reservation</u>. Nothing in this Agreement shall constitute an admission of liability or waiver of rights of either Party and each Party reserves all rights under applicable law to provide retail electric service in accordance with applicable Oregon law upon termination of this Agreement.

# SECTION II PACIFICORP REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

PacifiCorp represents and warrants as follows:

2.01 <u>Organization and Powers of PacifiCorp</u>. PacifiCorp is an Oregon corporation, duly organized and legally existing under the laws of the State of Oregon. PacifiCorp has all necessary corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and assets and to carry on its business as now conducted and as proposed to be conducted.

2.02 <u>Authority Relative to Agreement</u>. PacifiCorp has the power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to consummate the transaction contemplated herein. This Agreement has been duly and validly authorized, executed and delivered in accordance with the requirements of applicable law and constitutes the valid and binding obligation of PacifiCorp enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement may be limited by Commission approval pursuant to ORS 758.415, applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and except that the availability of the equitable remedies of specific performance and injunctive relief are subject to the discretion of the court before which any proceeding may be brought.

2.03 <u>Governmental Authorization</u>. Except for the approval of the Commission pursuant to ORS 758.415, no declaration, filing or registration with, or notice to, or authorization, consent or approval of, any governmental or regulatory body or authority is necessary for the execution and delivery of this Agreement by PacifiCorp or the consummation by PacifiCorp of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

2.04 <u>Non-Contravention; Approvals</u>. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the customer allocation contemplated hereby will not violate, conflict with or result in a breach of any provision of, or constitute a default under, or result in the termination of any note, bond, mortgage, indenture, deed of trust, contract, lease or other instrument, obligation or agreement of any kind to which PacifiCorp is now a party.

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## SECTION III REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF UEC

3.01 <u>Organization and Powers of UEC</u>. UEC is an Oregon cooperative corporation duly organized and legally existing under the laws of the State of Oregon. UEC has all necessary corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and assets and to carry on its business as now conducted and as proposed to be conducted.

3.02 <u>Authority Relative to Agreement</u>. UEC has the power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to consummate the transaction contemplated herein. This Agreement has been duly and validly authorized, executed and delivered in accordance with the requirements of applicable law and constitutes the valid and binding obligation of UEC enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement may be limited by Commission approval pursuant to ORS 758.415, applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and except that the availability of the equitable remedies of specific performance and injunctive relief are subject to the discretion of the court before which any proceeding may be brought.

3.03 <u>Governmental Authorization</u>. Except for approval of the Commission pursuant to ORS 758.415, no declaration, filing or registration with, or notice to, or authorization, consent or approval of, any governmental or regulatory body or authority is necessary for the execution and delivery of this Agreement by UEC or the consummation by UEC of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

3.04 <u>Non-Contravention; Approvals</u>. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby will not violate, conflict with or result in a breach of any provision of, or constitute a default under, or result in the termination of any note, bond, mortgage, indenture, deed of trust, contract, lease or other instrument, obligation or agreement of any kind to which UEC is now a party.

## SECTION IV MUTUAL COVENANTS

4.01 <u>Press Releases</u>. No press releases or other public announcements concerning the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall be made by either Party without the consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld; provided, however, that nothing herein shall operate to prevent a Party from supplying such information or making statements as required by governmental authority or in order for a Party to satisfy its legal obligations (prompt prior notice of which shall in any such case be given to the other Party).

4.02 <u>Conditions and Best Efforts</u>. Subject to the terms of this Agreement and fiduciary obligations under applicable law, PacifiCorp and UEC shall each use commercially reasonable efforts to effectuate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and to fulfill all of the conditions of its obligations under this Agreement and will do all such acts and things as

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reasonably may be required to carry out its obligations hereunder and to consummate and complete this Agreement, including, without limitation of the foregoing, promptly making application for approval by the Commission in accordance with ORS 758.415 to 758.425. Each Party acknowledges and agrees to represent to the Commission that this Agreement will eliminate or avoid unnecessary duplicating of facilities and will promote the efficient and economic use and development and the safety of operation of the utility systems of the Parties while providing adequate and reasonable service to the foregoing and the Allocated Buildings. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither Party shall be required in connection with the Commission's approval to agree to any payment or agree to any conditions of approval that are unacceptable to such Party.

## SECTION V TERMINATION

5.01 <u>Termination</u>. In addition to the automatic termination provided for in Section 1.04, this Agreement may be terminated and abandoned at any time:

(a) if the Parties agree in writing to terminate this Agreement by mutual consent;

(b) by either Party if the Commission determines in a final order not to grant its approval of this Agreement pursuant to ORS 758.425; or

(c) by either Party if any court of competent jurisdiction in the United States or any state will have issued an order, judgment or decree (other than a temporary restraining order) restraining, enjoining or otherwise prohibiting the transactions contemplated in this Agreement.

5.02 <u>Effect of Termination</u>. Any termination pursuant to this Section V will relieve both the Parties hereto of all of their obligations set forth herein and any liability with respect thereto; provided that termination of this Agreement does not relieve either Party of liability for breach of this Agreement.

## SECTION VI ASSIGNMENT

6.01 <u>Assignment</u>. Neither party shall assign its rights under this Agreement to any third party without the written consent of the other Party to this Agreement, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

6.02 <u>No Discharge</u>. No assignment of this Agreement shall operate to discharge the assignor of any duty or obligation hereunder without the written consent of the other Party.

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## SECTION VII MISCELLANEOUS

### 7.01 Indemnification.

From and after the Effective Date, PacifiCorp shall defend, hold harmless, and indemnify UEC and its directors, officers, employees, members, agents, successors and assigns, from and against any third-party allegation or claim, or any loss, damage, settlement, cost, expense and any other liability (including reasonable attorneys' fees incurred) arising from PacifiCorp's performance of its obligations under this Agreement, except to the extent caused by the negligent act or omission or willful misconduct of UEC or its employees, contractors and agents.

From and after the Effective Date, UEC shall defend, hold harmless, and indemnify PacifiCorp and its directors, officers, employees, members, agents, successors and assigns, from and against any third-party allegation or claim, or any loss, damage, settlement, cost, expense and any other liability (including reasonable attorneys' fees incurred) arising from UEC's performance of its obligations under this Agreement, except to the extent caused by the negligent act or omission or willful misconduct of PacifiCorp or its employees, contractors and agents.

7.02 <u>Jury Waiver</u>. PacifiCorp and UEC hereby irrevocably waive, to the fullest extent possible, all right of trial by jury in any action, proceeding, or counterclaim arising out of or in connection with this Agreement.

7.03 <u>Amendment</u>. This Agreement may be amended only by an instrument in writing executed by the Parties which expressly refers to this Agreement and states that it is an amendment hereto.

7.04 <u>Section and Paragraph Headings</u>. The section and paragraph headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and will not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

7.05 <u>Waiver</u>. Any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement may be waived at any time and from time to time, in writing, by the Party entitled to the benefit of such terms or conditions.

7.06 <u>Choice of Law</u>. This Agreement will be subject to and be construed under the laws of the State of Oregon, exclusive of conflict of law provisions.

7.07 <u>Prevailing Party Costs</u>. If a Party commences an action against the other Party because of a breach by that Party of its obligations under this Agreement or any documents executed in consummation with the transaction contemplated by this Agreement, the prevailing party in any such action shall be entitled to recover from the losing Party its expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred in connection with the prosecution or defense of such action, and any appeal thereof.

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7.08 <u>Notices</u>. All notices, requests, demands and other communications given by UEC or PacifiCorp will be in writing and will be deemed to have been given when telecopied with confirmed transmission, when hand delivered, or four business days after deposit into the United States mail, to the following addresses:

If to PacifiCorp:	If to UEC:
Oregon Dockets PacifiCorp 825 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 2000 Portland, OR 97232 Phone: 503.813.5542 Email: <u>oregondockets@pacificorp.com</u>	Umatilla Electric Cooperative Attn: General Manager and CEO 750 W. Elm Ave. P.O. Box 1148 Hermiston, OR 97838 Phone: 541.567.6414
With a copy to:	With a copy to:
PacifiCorp Legal Department 825 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 2000 Portland, OR 97232 Attn: Oregon Regulatory Attorney Fax: 503.813.7252	Cable Huston LLP Attn: Thomas M. Grim 1001 SW Fifth Ave, Suite 2000 Portland, OR 97204 Email: <u>tgrim@cablehuston.com</u> Fax: 503.224.3176

7.09 <u>Integrated Agreement</u>. This Agreement, and the exhibits hereto, when executed, constitute the entire agreement between the Parties hereto and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, oral and written, between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

7.10 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which will for all purposes be deemed to be an original and both of which will constitute one and the same instrument.

7.11 <u>Severability</u>. Whenever possible, each provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Agreement is held to be prohibited by or invalid under applicable law, such provision shall be construed as nearly as possible to give effect to the original intent of the Parties.

7.12 <u>Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. Shall be an express third party beneficiary to Section 1.02 of this Agreement. Nothing express or implied in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to confer upon or give to a person, firm, corporation or municipality other than

and the parties hereto any rights or remedies under or by reason of this Agreement or any transaction contemplated herein.

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7.13 <u>No Admission</u>. Nothing express or implied in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to be an admission of any fact concerning the PacifiCorp service territory or the UEC service territory.

PACIFICORP. d/b/a/ PACIFIC POWER

By: SCOTT D.BOLTON

Its: <u>VPExternal Affairs</u> Date: <u>7/15/15</u>

UMATILLA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

By: <u>M. Steven Eldrige</u>

Its: <u>General Manager & CEO</u>

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