

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE** GENERAL COUNSEL DIVISION

June 15, 2005

Public Utility Commission Attn: Filing Center 550 Capitol St NE 215 P.O. Box 2148 Salem, OR 97308-2148

RE: UE 170

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding please find the original and two (2) copies of the Comments on behalf of Staff.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jason W. Jones Assistant Attorney General Regulated Utility & Business Section

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## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

## **OF OREGON**

## **UE 170**

In the Matter of	)	
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PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT	)	COMMENTS OF THE
(dba PACIFICORP)	)	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
	)	OF OREGON STAFF
Request for a General Rate Increase in the	)	
Company's Oregon Annual Rates	)	

The Public Utility Commission of Oregon Staff ("Staff") files these comments in response to Administrative Law Judge Logan's June 9, 2005 Memorandum.

Staff does not currently have a position of whether there should be oral argument in this docket. However, if oral argument is held, Staff would prefer that it not be held on August 10<sup>th</sup> or August 11<sup>th</sup> due to scheduling considerations.

Unless PacifiCorp is willing to extend the schedule in UE 170 to accommodate the UE 173 schedule, Staff does not believe that UE 170 and UE 173 can be consolidated because UE 173 is approximately three months behind the schedule in UE 170.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

HARDY MYERS Attorney General

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