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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Public Utility Commission of Oregon 201 High Street SE, Suite 100 Salem, OR 97301-3389

Attn: Filing Center

RE: UM 1802—PacifiCorp's Motion for General Protective Order

PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power encloses for filing in the above-referenced docket its Motion for General Protective Order.

If you have questions about this filing, please contact Natasha Siores at (503) 813-6583.

Sincerely,

R. Bryce Dalley

Vice President, Regulation

Enclosure

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

## **UM 1802**

In the Matter of

PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC POWER.

INVESTIGATION OF PACIFICORP'S NON-STANDARD AVOIDED COST PRICING. MOTION FOR GENERAL PROTECTIVE ORDER

1 Under ORCP 36(C)(7) and OAR 860-001-0080(1), PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power 2 (PacifiCorp or Company) moves the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) for 3 entry of a general protective order in the Investigation into PacifiCorp's Non-Standard 4 Avoided Cost Pricing (UM 1802). Good cause exists to issue a protective order to protect 5 commercially sensitive and confidential business information in this proceeding. 6 The Commission's rules authorize PacifiCorp to seek reasonable restrictions on discovery of trade secrets and other confidential business information.<sup>1</sup> The Commission's 7 8 general protective order is designed to allow the broadest possible discovery consistent with 9 the need to protect confidential information.<sup>2</sup> PacifiCorp requests this protective order to 10 facilitate the communication of information between the parties and expedite the discovery 11 process.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See OAR 860-001-0000(1) (adopting the ORCP); ORCP 36(C)(7) (providing protection against unrestricted discovery of "trade secrets or other confidential research, development, or commercial information"). See also In re Investigation into the Cost of Providing Telecommunication Service, Docket UM 351, Order No. 91-500 (1991) (recognizing that protective orders are a reasonable means to protect trade secrets and other confidential commercial information and "to facilitate the communication of information between litigants").

<sup>2</sup> OAR 860-001-0080(2).

- 1 For these reasons, PacifiCorp respectfully requests that the Commission enter its
- 2 current general protective order in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2016.

By:

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PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power