## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF

## **OREGON**

## UE 323

In the Matter of

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,

2018 Transition Adjustment Mechanism

PETITION TO INTERVENE

Sierra Club petitions to intervene in this proceeding. In support of this petition, the following is provided:

1. The contact information (name, address, email address) of the petitioner is:

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 $\square$  Please include this contact on the service list.

2a. The petitioner  $\bigotimes$  will  $\square$  will not be represented by counsel in this proceeding. The contact information for petitioner's counsel to be included on the service list is:

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2b. Additional contacts to be included on the service list (a petitioner is limited to three contacts on the service list):

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3. If the petitioner is an organization, the number of members in and the purposes of the organization:

Sierra Club, founded in 1892, is the nation's oldest non-profit, grass-roots environmental organization. The Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club is a non-profit member-supported, public interest organization that promotes conservation of the Oregon natural environment by influencing public policy decisions — legislative, administrative, legal, and electoral. The Oregon Sierra Club has more than 20,000 members in the state. Sierra Club's 744,000 members nationwide are dedicated to the protection and preservation of the natural and human environment, including protecting public health. The Sierra Club's most important current priority is to advance smart, clean energy solutions that address the critical problems of global warming, air pollution, and our nation's dependence on fossil fuels.

List of Members attached

4. The nature and extent of the Petitioner's interest in the proceeding is:

Sierra Club has a substantial interest in this docket. Its members seek to advance energy development and resource procurement policies in Oregon that recognize the benefits of appropriately-sited, low-emission electricity generating resources for Oregon's economy and the health and well-being of its citizens and natural environment. Sierra Club has participated extensively in several dockets that address the costs and risks of PacifiCorp's coal fleet. PacifiCorp's TAM filing includes several issues related to the Company's net power costs. PacifiCorp also includes significant testimony in its filing related to its coal fuel costs and third-party coal suppliers. Sierra Club has substantial experience reviewing and analyzing costs related to PacifiCorp's coal fleet.

5. The issues the Petitioner intends to raise at the proceeding are:

Sierra Club plans to review and address PacifiCorp's coal cost fuel expenses addressed in the testimony of Dana M. Ralston. Sierra Club intends to review the basis for the increase in PacifiCorp's coal costs at a time when other energy costs are declining in the region. Sierra Club also intends to address the near term and long term fuel strategies at the Jim Bridger coal plant. Sierra Club reserves the right to address other TAM related issues that may arise upon further review of PacifiCorp's filings.

6. The special knowledge or expertise of the Petitioner that would assist the Commission in resolving the issues in the proceeding is:

Sierra Club has special expertise in the costs and risks of PacifiCorp's coal plants. Sierra Club has experience intervening in similar dockets before the Commission, including PacifiCorp's 2011 and 2013 Integrated Resource Plan dockets (Dockets No. LC 52 and

LC 57) and 2012 General Rate Revision docket (Docket No. UE 246) Sierra Club has also intervened in numerous dockets in other state commissions where PacifiCorp has service territory. In particular, Sierra Club has filed several rounds of testimony addressing the costs and fuel supply plans at the Jim Bridger mine and coal plant, which are at issue in this docket.

7. Based on the information provided above in accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, Sierra Club requests to participate in this proceeding as an intervenor. Given this relatively late filing, Sierra Club confirms it will not broaden the issues, burden the record, or delay the proceeding in any manner in conformance with OAR 860-001-0300.

/s/ *Travis Ritchie* Petitioner or Petitioner's Representative

April 24, 2017 Date Signed