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Public Utility Commission
Attn: Filing Center
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Re: Docket No. UM 1712: Petition to Intervene of Sierra Club

Please find enclosed the original and one (1) copy of the Petition to Intervene of Sierra Club in the above-referenced docket. This document has been e-filed with the Commission and served on parties via email.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1712

In the Matter of

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,
Application for Approval of Deer Creek
Mine Transaction

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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Please include this contact on the service list.

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

Name: Same as above (pro hac vice pending)
Company:
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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 15,000 members in the state. Sierra Club's 1.3 million 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 is concerned that aspects of PacifiCorp's proposed transaction related to the Deer Creek mine closure and replacement coal supply agreements would increase pollution - including emissions of greenhouse gases - into the atmosphere, thus exacerbating the environmental and human health impacts already harming its members' interests. Petitioner's members in Oregon seek to promote clean energy alternatives to fossil fuels, such as wind, solar, and geothermal energy, so as to protect public health and Oregon's unique ecosystems.

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

Sierra Club intends to review PacifiCorp's proposed transaction, including but not limited to the replacement coal supply contracts for the Hunter and Huntington power plant and whether the proposed transaction is in the best interests of customers.

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 realm of environmental regulatory compliance and the viability of responsible deployment of clean energy alternatives. With staff and volunteers in PacifiCorp's multi-state territory, Sierra Club can provide knowledge and experience regarding viable energy solutions for clean air and clean water in the region. Additionally, Sierra Club has experience intervening in similar dockets before the Commission, including the 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).

7. Based on the information provided above in accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, I request to participate in this proceeding as an intervenor. I or the organization that I represent will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding. OAR 860-001-0300.

 /s/ Travis Ritchie
Petitioner or Petitioner's Representative

January 9, 2015
Date Signed

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 9th day of January, 2015, I caused to be served the foregoing PETITION TO INTERVENE OF SIERRA CLUB upon all party representatives on the official service list for this proceeding via electronic mail.

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