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## Via E-Mail and Federal Express

Public Utility Commission of Oregon Attn: Filing Center 3930 Fairview Industrial Drive SE Salem OR 97302

Re:

PACIFICORP dba PACIFIC POWER

Application for Approval of Deer Creek Mine Transaction

Docket No. UM 1712

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket, please find the original and one (1) copy of the Petition to Intervene of the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Jesse O. Gorsuch

Enclosures

cc:

Service List

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the attached **Petition to**Intervene of the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities upon all parties in this proceeding, as shown below, by sending a copy via electronic mail.

Dated at Portland, Oregon, this 12th day of January, 2015.



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### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

#### OF OREGON

#### **UM 1712**

In the Matter of	)
PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC POWER	) PETITION TO INTERVENE OF THE INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS OF
Application for Approval of Deer Creek Mine Transaction.	,
Transaction.	) )

Pursuant to ORS § 756.525 and OAR § 860-001-0300(2), the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities ("ICNU") hereby petitions the Oregon Public Utility Commission ("Commission") to intervene in this proceeding with full party status as described in OAR § 860-001-0010(7). In support of this petition, ICNU represents as follows:

1. The business address of ICNU is:

Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities 818 SW 3rd Ave., #266 Portland, OR 97204

2. ICNU will be represented in this proceeding by Davison Van Cleve, P.C.

All documents relating to these proceedings should be served on ICNU's attorneys and consultant at the following addresses:

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3. ICNU is an incorporated, non-profit association of large industrial electric

customers in the Pacific Northwest, with offices in Portland, Oregon. A list of ICNU members is

included as Attachment A. Many of ICNU's members are customers of PacifiCorp (or the

"Company"), as shown on Attachment A.

4. ICNU has a substantial interest in PacifiCorp's Application for Approval

of Deer Creek Mine Transaction ("Application"), filed on December 12, 2014. Through the

Application, PacifiCorp is seeking to recover the Company's Deer Creek Mine closure costs in

2015 and 2016 rates, as well as requesting prudence, deferral, and property transaction

determinations. Moreover, the Application could have a significant impact upon PacifiCorp

rates: 1) in the near term, given the proposed \$42.6 million, or 3.4% net rate increase estimate;

as well as 2) potential long-term impacts via the terms of replacement and amended coal supply

agreements ("CSA") for the Huntington and Hunter power plants. In sum, if the Commission

grants the Application, it will substantially impact the rates of ICNU's PacifiCorp members.

ICNU has extensive experience with proceedings involving PacifiCorp. 5.

ICNU's intervention in this proceeding will assist the Commission in resolving the issues and

will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or delay this proceeding. ICNU

intends to participate in this proceeding through review and analysis of all component parts of

the Application. The proposed CSA for the Huntington power plant is of special interest to

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ICNU, as CSA terms could limit the Company's future flexibility and potentially add substantial

and unnecessary rate costs, should the Company be required to close the plant before the 2029

CSA expiration date. While the Company states broad and favorable termination rights under

the Huntington CSA, the potential for long-ranging rate effects warrants careful scrutiny.

6. As described above, ICNU has a direct and substantial interest in this

proceeding that will not be adequately represented by any other party, and may be affected by

any Commission determination made in connection with this proceeding. It is in the public

interest to allow ICNU to intervene in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, ICNU respectfully requests that the Commission grant its petition

to intervene with full party status in this proceeding.

Dated this 12th day of January, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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# ATTACHMENT A INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS OF NORTHWEST UTILITIES

Air Liquide

Air Products

Akzo Nobel Pulp and Performance Chemicals, Inc.

Alcoa

**Amcor Rigid Plastics** 

Axiall, Inc.

Boeing

\*Boise Cascade LLC

Certain Teed Gypsum & Ceiling Manufacturing (BPB)

ConAgra Foods

Dyno Nobel, Inc.

Emerald Performance Materials, LLC

Evraz, Inc.

\*Freres Lumber Co.

\*Georgia-Pacific

Grant PUD Industries

Inland Empire Paper Co.

Intel

\*International Paper

JR Simplot

\*Kapstone Kraft Paper

Linde, Inc.

Microsoft Corporation

\*Norpac Foods

\*Northwest Hardwoods

\*Packaging Corporation of America

\*PCC Structurals, Inc.

Ponderay Newsprint

REC Solar Grade Silicon LLC

RockTenn

Schnitzer Steel

SP Newsprint

Shell Oil Products US

Simpson Paper & Timber

Tesoro Refining and Marketing Co.

\*Wah Chang

West Linn Paper Company

\*Weyerhaeuser

<sup>\*</sup>Denotes PacifiCorp Customers