BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1802

In the Matter of)	
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON,)	NORTHWEST AND INTERMOUNTAIN POWER PRODUCERS COALITION'S PETITION TO INTERVENE
Investigation into Qualifying Facility Contracting and Pricing.)	
Conducting and Friends.)	

Pursuant to ORS § 756.525 and OAR § 860-001-0300(2), the Northwest and Intermountain Power Producers Coalition ("NIPPC") petitions the Oregon Public Utility Commission (the "Commission") to intervene and appear with full party status. In support of this petition to intervene, NIPPC provides the following information:

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Sanger Law, PC will represent NIPPC in this proceeding. All documents relating to these proceedings should be served on the following persons at the addresses listed below:

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NIPPC is a trade association whose members include private industry participants active in the Pacific Northwest and Western energy markets. The purpose of NIPPC is to represent the interests of independent power producers and marketers in developing rules and policies that help achieve a competitive electric power supply market in the Pacific Northwest

NIPPC has a substantial interest in this newly opened proceeding, because PacifiCorp's interpretation of the Commission's policy on renewable avoided costs rates openly discriminates against large QFs and could have broad and significant impacts on the power market in Oregon. Independent power producers, including NIPPC's members, have energy projects above the Commission's standard contract size and are therefore directly affected by the need for the Commission to uphold its position on this issue and require utilities to include a renewable price option in the non-standard avoided cost pricing.

NIPPC has participated in numerous regulatory proceedings intended to promote competitive markets, including the Commission's bidding guidelines, and the utilities' most recent requests for proposals to add resources. NIPPC's intervention will assist the Commission in resolving the issues and will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or delay this proceeding. Finally, NIPPC's interests are not adequately represented by any other party in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, NIPPC respectfully requests that the Commission grant its petition to intervene with full party status in this proceeding and to appear and participate in all matters as may be necessary and appropriate; and to present evidence, call and examine witnesses, cross-examine witnesses, present argument, and to otherwise fully participate in the proceedings.

Dated this 22nd day of November 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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