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Public Utility Commission of Oregon 3930 Fairview Industrial Dr. S.E. Salem, OR 97302-1166

Attn: Filing Center

RE: Docket UM 1639—PacifiCorp's Application for Reauthorization of Deferred Accounting of Revenues Related to Open Access Transmission Tariff

PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power submits for filing an original and five copies of its Application for Reauthorization of Deferred Accounting of Revenues Related to Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT).

Confidential Exhibit C is provided under separate cover in accordance with OAR 860-001-0070.

It is respectfully requested that all formal data requests to the Company regarding this filing be addressed to the following:

By e-mail (preferred): datarequest@pacificorp.com

By regular mail: Data Request Response Center

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Please direct any informal inquiries to Bryce Dalley, Director, Regulatory Affairs & Revenue Requirement, at (503) 813-6389.

Sincerely,

William R. Griffith

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**Enclosures** 

cc: Service List UM 1639

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I served a true and correct copy of PacifiCorp's Motion for Protective Order on the parties listed below via electronic mail and/or US mail in compliance with OAR 860-001-0180.

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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

### **UM 1639**

In the Matter of

PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC POWER

Application for Reauthorization of Deferred Accounting of Revenues Related to Open Access Transmission Tariff.

APPLICATION FOR REAUTHORIZATION OF DEFERRED ACCOUNTING

I. INTRODUCTION 1 2 In accordance with ORS 757.259(2)(e) and OAR 860-027-0300, PacifiCorp d/b/a 3 Pacific Power (Company) applies to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) 4 for an order reauthorizing deferral of Oregon's allocated share of incremental Open Access 5 Transmission Tariff (OATT) revenue associated with the Company's transmission rate case, 6 Docket No. ER11-3643, at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The 7 Company respectfully requests reauthorization for 12 months beginning January 1, 2014. 8 II. **CONTACT INFORMATION** 9 Communications regarding this application should be addressed to: Oregon Dockets Sarah Wallace PacifiCorp Senior Counsel 825 NE Multnomah St., Suite 2000 **PacifiCorp** Portland, OR 97232 825 NE Multnomah St., Suite 1800 Email: oregondockets@pacificorp.com Portland, OR 97232 Phone: 503-813-5865 Email: sarah.wallace@pacificorp.com 10 In addition, the Company requests that all data requests regarding this application be 11 sent to the following: 12 By email (preferred): datarequest@pacificorp.com

1 2 3 4	By regular mail:  Data Request Response Center PacifiCorp 825 NE Multnomah St., Suite 2000 Portland, OR 97232
5	Informal questions may be directed to Bryce Dalley, Director, Regulatory Affairs &
6	Revenue Requirement, at 503-813-6389.
7	III. BACKGROUND
8	On May 26, 2011, PacifiCorp filed a rate case with FERC, docket ER11-3643,
9	including revisions to its OATT under section 205 of the Federal Power Act. In its filing, the
10	Company sought to increase its annual transmission revenue requirement and the rates for
11	various ancillary services included in the OATT. <sup>1</sup>
12	On March 1, 2012, the Company filed its 2012 Oregon general rate case, docket
13	UE 246. <sup>2</sup> One component used in determining the Company's requested revenue increase
14	was OATT revenues received from third parties, treated as an offset to revenue requirement
15	for PacifiCorp's retail customers. The transmission rates used to calculate this revenue offset
16	were established in accordance with a June 6, 1996 settlement of the Company's 1995 FERC
17	transmission rate case, docket ER96-8-000.
18	A stipulation settling many of the issues in docket UE 246 was filed with the
19	Commission on July 12, 2012, and approved by the Commission on December 20, 2012.
20	The partial stipulation included the Company's agreement to file for deferred accounting of
21	Oregon's allocated share of any incremental OATT revenue associated with the pending
22	FERC rate case not reflected in docket UE 246. The Company filed an application for
23	deferred accounting in accordance with the partial stipulation on December 28, 2012. The

<sup>1</sup> On February 22, 2013, the Company filed a settlement agreement in its FERC rate case. FERC approved the settlement on May 23, 2013.

<sup>2</sup> In the Matter of PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power Request for a General Rate Revision, Docket UE 246, Order

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No. 12-493 (December 20, 2012).

- 1 Commission approved the Company's application in Order No. 13-045, issued in docket
- 2 UM 1639 on February 12, 2013. According to the terms of the partial stipulation, the
- deferral should continue "until the revenues are included in rates."<sup>3</sup>
- 4 In PacifiCorp's 2013 general rate case, docket UE 263, the Commission approved a
- 5 stipulation that included the Company's agreement not to file a general rate case with an
- 6 effective date earlier than January 1, 2016. The Company is therefore requesting
- 7 reauthorization of the deferral of the incremental OATT revenues because these revenues
- 8 will not be reflected in rates until the Company's next general rate case, and the Company
- 9 cannot file a general rate case until March 1, 2015, at the earliest.

### 10 IV. OAR 860-027-0300(4)

- Exhibit B provides the descriptions and explanations of the total amounts deferred
- from the beginning of the previous deferral period through the date of this application.
- 13 Confidential Exhibit C provides the projected calculation for the amounts to be deferred
- during the 12 months beginning January 1, 2014, if this application is approved.
- 15 Confidential Exhibit C is being provided under separate cover in accordance with OAR 860-
- 16 001-0070.
- 17 If this deferred accounting application is approved, the deferred revenues will be
- recorded in FERC account 253 Other Deferred Credits. If this application is denied, the
- revenues will be recorded in FERC account 456 Other Electric Revenues.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Order No. 12-493 at 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> In the Matter of PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power Request for a General Rate Revision, Docket UE 263, Order No. 13-474 at 6 (December 18, 2013).

1	V.	NOTICE
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- 2 A Notice of PacifiCorp's Application for Reauthorization of Deferred Accounting of
- 3 Revenues Related to Open Access Transmission Tariff is included as Exhibit A. This notice
- 4 will be served to the service list in docket UM 1639.

### 5 VI. CONCLUSION

- 6 PacifiCorp respectfully requests that the Commission authorize the Company to
- 7 continue deferring the Oregon-allocated share of any incremental OATT revenue resulting
- 8 from the resolution of the Company's FERC rate case beginning January 1, 2014, and
- 9 continuing through December 31, 2014.

Respectfully submitted this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2013.

By:

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Senior Counsel

PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power

# Exhibit A

### **EXHIBIT A**

### **NOTICE**

### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

**UM 1639** 

In the Matter of

PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC POWER

Application for Reauthorization of Deferred Accounting of Revenues Related to Open Access Transmission Tariff. NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REAUTHORIZATION OF DEFERRED ACCOUNTING

On December 31, 2013, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) for an order reauthorizing deferral of Oregon's allocated share of incremental Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) revenue associated with the Company's transmission rate case, Docket No. ER11-3643, at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The Company respectfully requests reauthorization for 12 months beginning January 1, 2014. To obtain a copy the application, contact the following:

Oregon Dockets 825 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 2000 Portland, OR 97232 E-mail: oregondockets@pacificorp.com

Any person may submit written comments to the Commission regarding the application by January 28, 2014.

Respectfully submitted on December 31, 2013.

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# Exhibit B

## Confidential Exhibit C

# CONFDIENTIAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH OAR 860-001-0070