

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 233

In the Matter of

IDAHO POWER COMPANY

Request for a General Rate Revision.

RULING

DISPOSITION: PETITION TO INTERVENE GRANTED

On May 1, 2012, a ruling granting the petition to intervene filed by PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power, was affirmed by the Commission and the company was made a party to the proceedings. In support of its petition, the company had filed a response stating that it was not seeking a predetermination of the prudence of its investments in the Jim Bridger Unit 3 coal plant, which is currently one of the subjects of Pacific Power's general rate revision case before the Commission, docket No. UE 246. Rather, it was the company's intention to respond to the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon's April 13, 2012 supplemental testimony regarding the need to set new prudence standards for future rate cases for all electric utilities regarding coal-fired plant investments. Concerned about the setting of new precedent, Pacific Power stated that it intended to submit briefs relating to the interpretation of the prudence standard only.¹

On May 2, 2012, the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) filed a petition to intervene in this docket. ICNU states that it has a substantial interest in Pacific Power's participation in this docket because ICNU is a party to docket UE 246 and its interests are essentially similar to those of Pacific Power.² ICNU intends to limit its participation to filing briefs on the legal issues.³

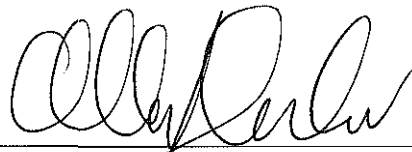
¹ Response at 1-2.

² ICNU Petition at 2-3.

³ *Id.* at 3.

Upon review of the petition, I find that ICNU has sufficient interest in the proceedings to participate and that its participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or delay the proceedings.⁴ The petition is therefore granted.⁵

Dated this 4th day of May, 2012, at Salem, Oregon.



Allan J. Arlow
Administrative Law Judge

⁴ See OAR 860-001-0300(7).

⁵ Any party may object to a petition to intervene within 10 days of service OAR 860-001-0300(6).