

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,
2017 Transition Adjustment Mechanism.

RULING

DISPOSITION: OBJECTION SUSTAINED

PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power, objects to the request of Noble Americas Energy Solutions LLC to designate Kevin C. Higgins as a qualified person under paragraph 14 of Modified Protective Order No. 16-231. Noble Solutions seeks to qualify Mr. Higgins so that he may review information designated as highly confidential concerning PacifiCorp's 2016 Renewable Energy Credits Request for Proposals (REC RFP), including the volume, vintage, and price of RECs. Noble Solutions states that Mr. Higgins requires access to this information for cross-examination and to assist counsel in understanding the information.

I sustain PacifiCorp's objection. As PacifiCorp notes, the company has not yet finalized all of the purchase agreements under the REC RFP and the ongoing negotiations with counter-parties require the upmost confidentiality. Moreover, PacifiCorp also points out that Mr. Higgins represents entities that could be either competitors for the future purchase of RECs or potential future REC sellers.

In addition, an exact REC value is not necessary for purposes of Noble Solutions' argument. Noble Solutions has submitted cross-answering testimony with a hypothetical REC value of \$1 for an unbundled REC, based on publicly-available REC values. This approximate value will allow Noble Solutions the ability to provide sufficient information so that the Commission may understand the potential dollar amount at stake.

Dated this 25th day of August, 2016, at Salem, Oregon.



Sarah Rowe
Administrative Law Judge