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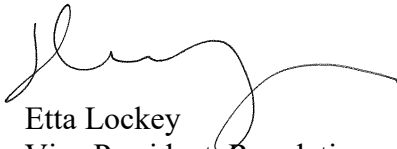
Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
Attn: Filing Center  
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**RE: UM 1631—PacifiCorp's Notice of Voluntary Withdrawal**

PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power submits for filing its notice of voluntary withdrawal of its December 9, 2020 petition for a partial waiver of Oregon Administrative Rule 860-089-0500(2).

Informal inquiries may be directed to Cathie Allen, Manager, Regulatory Affairs, at (503) 813-5934.

Sincerely,



Etta Lockey  
Vice President, Regulation

Enclosure

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

**UM 1631**

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF  
OREGON,

Petition for Partial Waiver of OAR 860-089-  
0500(2).

**PACIFICORP’S NOTICE OF  
VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL**

PacifiCorp respectfully submits this notice of voluntary withdrawal of its petition requesting a partial waiver of Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 860-089-0500(2) (Petition) as it relates to its 2020 All Source Request for Proposal (2020AS RFP). In its Petition filed on December 9, 2020, PacifiCorp requested a waiver of the requirement contained in OAR 860-089-0500(2) that it wait until the Company requests that the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) acknowledge the final shortlist of bids resulting from the 2020AS RFP before the Company begins power purchase agreement (PPA) negotiations with developers on the final shortlist. The Company had hoped to efficiently use the time to begin negotiations with developers on the Initial Shortlist as it waited for the completion of the interconnection cluster study being performed by PacifiCorp Transmission.

On January 21, 2021, pursuant to a schedule set forth by Staff, comments to the Petition were submitted by Longroad Energy Partners, LLC, which supported the Petition, and Northwest & Intermountain Power Producers Coalition (NIPPC), which recommended denial of the Petition. On January 28, 2021, PacifiCorp filed reply comments in support of its Petition. A Staff report was issued on February 17, 2021 (February 17 Staff Report), which recommended that the Petition be denied but the Company be allowed to initiate clarifying communications

with bidders in writing monitored by the Independent Evaluator (IE). PacifiCorp, NIPPC, and Renewable Northwest (RNW) all provided comments to the February 17 Staff Report with RNW supporting the original request for a partial waiver. At the Commission's public meeting held on February 23, 2021, Staff reported to the Commission that based on the comments filed it believed there was a path to a resolution and requested to meet with the stakeholders and report back to the Commission at its March 9, 2021 public meeting. The Commission agreed with this process. Staff, PacifiCorp, NIPPC, and RNW met on March 1, 2021 to discuss the Petition and the alternative offered in the February 17 Staff Report.

The Company has now decided to withdraw its Petition for several reasons. First, the granting of a waiver at this point in time is moot as the Company's interconnection cluster study will be completed in early April 2021 and the Company will shift its focus to completing the analysis necessary to develop a Final Shortlist for filing with the Commission. Second, based on the discussion held on March 1, 2021, with Staff and other stakeholders, under the Commission's rules, the Company can engage in clarifying communications with developers regarding bids as monitored by the IE.

Therefore, because the elapse of time has rendered the Petition moot and the Company can engage in IE monitored clarifying communications with developers under the Commission rules, the Company decided to withdraw its Petition.

Respectfully submitted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2021, on behalf of PacifiCorp.



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