

February 7, 2005

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Attn: Vikie Bailey-Goggins, Administrator

Regulatory and Technical Support

Re:

PacifiCorp's Supplemental Direct Testimony in Docket No. UE-170

Enclosed for filing is an original and 20 copies of PacifiCorp's Supplemental Direct Testimony and Exhibits in Docket UE-170. Copies of this filing have also been served on the UE-170 Service List.

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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OREGON

### **PACIFICORP**

Case UE-170

**Supplemental Direct Testimony and Exhibits** 

February 2005

Case UE 170 PPL Exhibit 604 Witness: Mark T. Widmer

### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OREGON

### **PACIFICORP**

Supplemental Direct Testimony of Mark T. Widmer

- 1 Q. Are you the same Mark T. Widmer that filed direct testimony with the
- 2 Company's original filing?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. What is the purpose of your supplemental testimony?
- The purpose of my testimony is to make the Company's original filed net power 5 A. costs more complete and accurate. The Company decided to make this filing now 6 and outline these adjustments in this formal manner because of the added 7 complexity that the Company's proposal to initiate an RVM-type mechanism adds 8 to the power costs issues in the case. The Company has met with other parties to 9 the case and outlined these adjustments. PacifiCorp understands that the parties 10 have agreed to the filing of this Supplemental Testimony. Individual adjustments 11 go either direction; the adjustments lower Net Power Cost (NPC) by \$10.4 million 12 to \$803.4 million Total Company. The adjustments are summarized on PPL 13 14 Exhibit 605.
- 15 O. Please explain the "Marginal Units/Variable O&M" adjustment.
- The Company's original filing incorrectly assigned reserve credits for Cholla 4 to 16 A. all five West Valley CT units in the commitment decision. A reserve credit is the 17 value credited to the higher cost gas units in the commitment logic when they 18 carry reserves in lieu of reserves being carried on lower cost coal plants. The 19 previous modeling resulted in uneconomic generation because the sum of the 20 reserve carrying capability on the gas plants exceeded the level of reserves carried 21 on coal units. This adjustment also incorporates the incremental cost per MWh of 22 23 future overhauls for the Gadsby and West Valley units in the commitment

decision. The incremental value recognizes that the units have a set number of
service hours that they can be operated before a major overhaul is required. It
should be noted that the overhaul cost included in the commitment decision is not
included in NPC. This correction increases NPC by \$1.5 million.

#### 5 Q. Please explain the "Deferred Maintenance" adjustment.

A. The Company's original filing incorrectly assumed deferrable thermal
maintenance was performed only during weekend hours. This resulted in GRID
producing more coal generation on-peak and less off-peak than occurred during
the 48-Month historical period ended March 2004, as shown in PPL Exhibit 606.
This correction more accurately reflects the operation of the Company's thermal
facilities and increases NPC by \$4.1 million.

#### 12 O. Please explain the "Thermal Ramping" adjustment.

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The Company's original filing overstated coal generation because thermal availability rates assume that coal units are available at full load when the units are being shut down for maintenance and when restarted after maintenance and forced outages. In reality, the units are not available at full load when ramping down for maintenance and ramping up from outages due to the physical capabilities of the units. As such, generation is lost while a unit ramps to the minimum level required for synchronizing with the grid and when a unit is being shut down for maintenance. This adjustment corrects the Equivalent Forced Outage Rates (EFOR) to account for the lost generation and increases NPC by \$2.4 million. It should be noted that this adjustment is conservative because the Company does not have this data for plants that are operated by shared owners.

- 1 Q. Please explain the "Quick Start Availability" adjustment.
- 2 A. The Company's original filing incorrectly assumed quick start reserves can be
- 3 carried on all Gadsby CT units. The Gadsby CTs are restricted to one unit on
- 4 average due to temperature and humidity conditions and because the Questar
- 5 Pipeline is a low pressure pipeline. This adjustment removes quick start
- 6 capability from two Gadsby CT units and increases NPC by \$2.2 million.
- 7 Q. Please explain the "Station Service" adjustment.
- 8 A. The Company's original filing overstated coal generation because station service
- 9 for coal plants that are offline was not captured. Station service is the electricity
- that the plant uses onsite. Station service is not captured in energy sales or
- revenue calculations either. This adjustment corrects coal generation and
- increases net power costs by \$2.7 million. It should be noted that the adjustment
- is conservative because the Company does not have station service data for
- 14 (1) plants that are operated by shared owners and (2) Jim Bridger, because of the
- 15 metering configuration.
- 16 Q. Please explain the "Colorado Transmission" adjustment.
- 17 A. At the time of the filing, negotiations were underway for transmission contracts
- between our Colorado resources and the Company's Utah transmission area. The
- 19 Company's original filing estimated the configuration of this transmission based
- on conversations with UAMPS and WAPA. These contracts provide transmission
- 21 to move Craig and Hayden generation to the Utah area. The capability was
- forecasted in the original filing. This correction incorporates the agreed upon
- configuration and decreases NPC by \$1.0 million.

- 1 Q. Please explain the "West Side Transfer" adjustment.
- 2 A. Scheduling personnel recently indicated that to the extent transmission is
- available on Path C, up to 100 MW of operating reserves may be held in the
- western control area (PACW) for the eastern control area (PACE), by
- 5 rescheduling some of the Bridger generation southbound. The Company's
- original filing did not model this assumption. This adjustment corrects the
- 7 Company's modeling and decreases NPC by \$6.3 million.
- 8 Q. Please explain the "Hydro Generation" adjustment.
- 9 A. This adjustment corrects various hydro modeling deficiencies. The Klamath
- River VISTA generation included in the Company's original filing did not include
- the US Bureau of Reclamation's operating strategies. Those strategies are
- impacted by endangered species act requirements, fishery obligations, and tribal
- trust responsibilities. In addition, other environmental considerations in the upper
- 14 Klamath Basin and on the Klamath River below Iron Gate dam have increased the
- pressures on water supply. To help ensure full delivery of water to Klamath
- 16 Irrigation Project farmers, the US Bureau of Reclamation has routinely directed
- the amount of flow through the Company's hydro facilities. These actions have
- reduced the Company's hydro operating flexibility and operating effectiveness.
- These operating constraints are now included in VISTA simulations to reflect the
- 20 US Bureau of Reclamation's water management policies and flow directives. The
- 21 adjustment also includes runner upgrades at JC Boyle on the Klamath River, the
- 22 expected Swift 2 turbine efficiency improvement, adjusts Swift 1 reserve carrying
- capability for January 2006, and corrects a data input error for Fall Creek Hydro.

- This adjustment increases NPC by \$1.5 million.
- 2 Q. Please explain the "Gas Related Adjustments" adjustment.
- 3 A. Natural gas consumption at gas-fired plants is influenced by interaction of other
- 4 resources, gas prices and market prices. This adjustment incorporates the sale of
- 5 excess gas resulting from the revised dispatch of Utah gas generation units, which
- in part, is predicated upon updates discussed above. Also, this adjustment
- 7 corrects the calculation of the pipeline reservation fees included in the NPC. This
- 8 adjustment decreases NPC by \$17.5 million.
- 9 Q. Does this conclude your supplemental testimony?
- 10 A. Yes.

Case UE 170 PPL Exhibit 605

Witness: Mark T. Widmer

### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OREGON

### **PACIFICORP**

Exhibit Accompanying Supplemental Direct Testimony of Mark T. Widmer Oregon Update Adjustment Summary

February 2005

813,904,335

Oregon NPC CY2006 Gold

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Name	<b>6</b>	Description
Marginal Units/Variable O&M	1,470,662	Marginal Unit/Maintenance Overhaul
Deferred Maintenance	4,090,531	Correct on/off split
Thermal Ramping	2,400,500	Capture lost generation
Quick Start Availability	2,186,227	Remove quick start on Gadsby 4 and 5
Station Service	2,734,752	Capture station service
Colorado Transmission	(1,037,955)	Final Contract Terms
West Side Transfer	(6,274,391)	C&T Update
Hydro Generation	1,501,478	Miscellaneous Hydro
Gas Related Adjustments	(17,533,915)	Gas Sales/Gas Pipeline
Total Updates	(10,462,110)	
Oregon NPC CY2006 Update	803,442,226	

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#### **PACIFICORP**

Exhibit Accompanying Supplemental Direct Testimony of Mark T. Widmer Coal Generation Anaylsis

February 2005

Coal Generation (MWh)
Hunter 1 Outage Normalized

Actual Generation - 48 Months Ending March 2004

			Oregon CY200 Without Deferral Thermal Ramping	Oregon CY2006 Updated NPC Without Deferrable Maintenance, Thermal Ramping, or Station Service		
	Aci	Actual			Õ	Delta
	Generation(1)	Ratio	Generation	Ratio	Generation	Ratio
нгн	25,457,452	56.52%	25,992,409	57.47%	534,958	0.95%
E	19,585,901	43.48%	19,236,625	42.53%	(349,275)	-0.95%
Total	45,043,352	100.00%	45,229,035	100.00%	185,682	%00.0
			Oregon CY200	Oregon CY2006 Updated NPC	De	Delta
			Generation <sub>(2)</sub>	Ratio	Generation	Ratio
			25,682,774	26.97%	225,322	0.46%
			19,395,539	43.03%	(190,362)	-0.46%
			45,078,312	100.00%	34,960	0.00%

# Footnote

<sup>1</sup> Hunter Unit 1 2001 outage removed, average generation based on remaining number of days 2 Includes reduction of 67,177 MWh for Station Service

### On & Off Peak Outage Summary - Deferred Maintenance 48 Months Ending March 2004

PPL Exhibit 606-2

	TOTAL ON - O	
UNIT	ON	OFF
CHO-4	4.70	4.07
COL-3	124.42	154.47
COL-4	218.20	192.97
CRB-1	147.30	142.55
CRB-2	507.34	511.91
CRG-1	86.25	71.78
DJ-1	56.83	57.32
DJ-2	105.97	79.53
DJ-3	738.95	552.63
DJ-4	552.48	434.34
HDN-1	296.28	254.73
HDN-2	145.13	152.93
HTG-1	40.08	60.40
HTG-2	48.00	50.73
HTR-1	432.03	430.62
HTR-2	676.55	644.85
HTR-3	267.50	213.22
JB-1	142.03	151.73
JB-2	81.82	78.52
JB-3	68.93	116.25
JB-4	110.38	167.70
NTN-1	128.63	126.27
NTN-2	401.60	525.63
NTN-3	550.30	535.90
WYO-1	451.00	303.35
Total	6,382.71	6,014.39
Percentage	51.49%	48.51%

Exhibit PPL-606.xls 2/7/2005