# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

### **UE 219**

In the Matter of:	)	PETITION TO INTERVENE
PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER	)	and WAIVER OF PAPER SERVICE
Application to Implement the Provisions of Senate Bill 76	)	

THE KARUK TRIBE hereby petitions to intervene in this proceeding. In support of this petition, the following is provided:

1. The contact information (name, address, email address) of the petitioners is:

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Please include this contact on the Service List.

- 2a. The Petitioner WILL NOT be represented by counsel in this proceeding.
- 2b. Additional contacts to be included on the service list:

NONE

3. If the petitioner is an organization, the number of members in and the purposes of the organization:

THE KARUK TRIBE is the second largest federally recognized Indian Tribe in California with over 3,500 members. The Karuk Tribal government The mission of the Karuk Tribal Council is to promote the general welfare of all Karuk people, to establish equality and justice for our tribe, to restore and preserve Tribal traditions,

customs, language and ancestral rights, and to secure to ourselves and our descendants the power to exercise the inherent rights of self governance.

4. The nature and extent of the Petitioners' interests in the proceeding are:

The Karuk Tribe relies on runs of salmon and other fishes in the Klamath River for subsistence. Annual runs of salmon and other anadramous fishes in the Klamath River are the cornerstone of Karuk traditional culture and religion. Runs of Klamath salmon and the water quality of the Klamath River are of major and fundamental concern to the Karuk Tribe. Klamath fisheries and water quality will be affected by the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA), to which the Karuk Tribe is a signatory Party, and which is the subject of SB 76.

The KHSA and the companion Klamath Hydropower Agreement propose the removal of four Pacific Power dams on the Klamath River. These Agreements are executed by a number of parties (Including Pacific Power and the Karuk Tribe) on February 18, 2010. Removal of the Iron Gate, Copco I, Copco II, and JC Boyle Dams as proposed in the Agreements would greatly benefit the Klamath salmon runs and Klamath water quality thereby promoting the well being of the Karuk People.. SB 76 embodies an important part of the funding mechanism intended to pay for this potential future Klamath dam removal. The Karuk Tribe is also an Intervener in the FERC Klamath Hydroelectric Project relicensing proceeding, FERC Docket No. P-2082-027.

In addition, many Karuk members live within Pacific Power's service district in Oregon.

- 5. The issues the Petitioner intends to raise at the proceeding are:
  In general, we support the full and equitable implementation of SB 76 and the goals of the KHSA, the funding mechanism for which is embodied SB 76.
- 6. The special knowledge or expertise of the Petitioners that would assist the Commission in resolving the issues of the proceeding is:

The Karuk Tribe has been part of the negotiations that led to the development of the Klamath Hydroelectric Agreement and companion Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement. Tribal staff and council are familiar with every aspect of that Agreement. Since many of our individual members are also PacifiCorp ratepayers in northern California and Oregon, we also have some expertise on how SB 76 and the KHSA will affect those customers.

7. Based on the information provided above in accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, we request to participate in this proceeding as interveners. I or the organizations I represent will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the

record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding, in accordance with OAR 860-012-0001.

S. Craig Tucker, Ph.D. Klamath coordinator

Karuk Tribe

Date signed: April 2, 2010

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, S. Craig Tucker, hereby certify that I am over the age of 18, and that I have this day served the foregoing KARUK TRIBE PETITION TO INVERVENE AND WAIVER OF PAPER SERVICE, on behalf of the Karuk Tribe, upon the parties shown on the Service List attached below, either by email, or if no email address appears on the Service List or the party has not waived paper service, then by first class U.S. mail, postage pre-paid, to the postal address for the party shown below.

Dated this April 2nd, 2010, at McKinleyville, CA

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