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## **RE:** AR 548 – Comments of Pacific Power

PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power encloses for filing its comments on the proposed net metering rules regarding aggregation the above-referenced docket.

Please contact Joelle Steward, Regulatory Manager, at (503) 813-5542 for questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

#### AR 548

In the Matter of Revising Net Metering Rules Regarding Aggregation on Meters with Different Rate Schedules.

**Comments of Pacific Power** 

1 PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power ("Pacific Power" or "Company") submits the 2 following Comments in the above-referenced docket in response to issues discussed in 3 Commission Staff's Comments filed May 3, 2011, and at the May 16, 2011 hearing. Pacific 4 Power was an active participant in this proceeding and commends Staff and other interested 5 parties for their work in considering a variety of issues. For the reasons stated herein, Pacific 6 Power supports the amended rules as proposed by Staff in their May 3, 2011 comments. 7 Pacific Power respectfully requests that the Commission not perceive the absence of 8 comments on any particular issue or other matter as a conclusive indication of Pacific 9 Power's lack of interest with respect thereto.

### 10 I. DISCUSSION

11 Pacific Power supports the proposed rules as described in Staff's May 3 comments. 12 The proposed rules are appropriately tailored to address the specific issue of aggregating 13 across different rate schedules, as described in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. Pacific 14 Power agrees with Staff that changes to the rules to remove or revise the 2 MW cap (by the City of Portland and the Interstate Renewable Energy Council ("IREC")) and to allow virtual 15 16 net metering through multiple tenant meter aggregation (by IREC) are beyond the limited 17 scope of this proceeding. Substantial changes to the overall structure of net metering 18 programs in Oregon, to the extent interested parties seek to accomplish this objective, should

be evaluated independently to ensure that any impacts are considered and unintended
 consequences are mitigated.

Pacific Power supports Staff's recommendation to include a definition in the proposed rules for the term "contiguous". The inclusion of the definition will mitigate any unintended consequences for net metering applicants in the event the definition is amended in an unrelated docket. The definition of "contiguous" as recommended by IREC provides clarity to the rule and should be adopted.

8 Pacific Power also agrees with Staff and Portland General Electric that the system 9 size limitations currently included in the net metering rules should be retained. Removing the 10 25 kW cap on residential systems that aggregate meters could lead to oversized systems 11 being placed in residential neighborhoods. The continuation of the limitation will reduce the 12 likelihood of excessive flow negatively impacting the residential distribution network.

### 13 II. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, Pacific Power supports the proposed rules as described in Staff's May
3, 2011 comments. The Company appreciates the Commission's consideration of these
comments.

DATED, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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