1 BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON 2 **UM 1129** 3 In the Matter of PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF COMMENTS OF PACIFICORP ON PROPOSED ISSUES LISTS OREGON 6 Staff's Investigation Relating to Electric Utility Purchases from Qualifying Facilities 8 9 PacifiCorp respectfully submits these Comments on the proposed issues lists compiled by Commission Staff and distributed to parties on October 11, 2005. These Comments are being submitted in accordance with the Commission's October 4, 2005 Prehearing Conference Memorandum and the procedure agreed upon at the October 3, 2005 workshop and prehearing conference. PacifiCorp's Comments are limited to those issues on Staff's Proposed Phase I Consolidated Issues List which are resolved or which PacifiCorp believes should not be included, and an issue which PacifiCorp believes should be added to the issues list for Phase II. PacifiCorp recommends the Commission adopt the Staff's Proposed Consolidated Issues Lists, modified as discussed below. Staff's Proposed Consolidated Issues List—Phase I 19 Issue No. 5.b.viii: 20 Should § 11.4 of PacifiCorp's contract be modified to conform to Order No. 05-584 at 45 wherein under-deliveries of power are made up by reducing the payments in future years, rather than 15 days from the date PacifiCorp sends the seller an invoice? 21 **PacifiCorp Comment:** PacifiCorp agrees that § 11.4.1 should be modified by the 22 deletion of the last sentence, "Amounts owed by Seller pursuant to this paragraph shall be due within fifteen (15) days after any invoice from PacifiCorp for the same." The undersigned has discussed this modification with counsel for Sherman County/Simplot, the 26

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3	Issue No. 10.b:
4	Showing Shimin (1 5 of Griffia a Shiphinia Contract prior term more consistent with
recognizing that the owners of smallest QFs lack resources to use sophisticated predictive measures? Examples include a floating price which equals the higher	historical practices and the policy of encouraging diverse small resources and recognizing that the owners of smallest QFs lack resources to use sophisticated predictive measures? Examples include a floating price which equals the highest price
	among the indexed options (Deadband Index Gas Price, Index Gas price, Mid-C
8	PacifiCorp Comment: PacifiCorp believes this issue should not be included in the
9	issues list. The Commission fully addressed pricing options in Order No. 05-584, and the
10	availability of alternative options to be made available to QFs, as a requirement, should not
11	be selectively revisited in this docket.
12	Issue No. 10.f:
13	Should the effective date of the new price term be made retroactive to the date of the
14	expiration of the last agreement between the parties or some other date?
15	PacifiCorp Comment: PacifiCorp believes this issue should not be included.
16	Commission Order No. 05-899 already provides that contracts entered into subsequent to the
17	effective date of the standard form contracts filed by PacifiCorp, PGE and Idaho Power
18	(August 11, 2005) will be subject to investigation, and the Commission modified that Order
19	by Order No. 05-1061 to delete the required contract provision making rates subject to
20	refund. Thus, the Commission has already addressed the issue of retroactive application of
21	avoided cost rates to post-August 11 contracts, and there is no authority for the Commission
22	to retroactively change the terms of any other contracts that might have been entered into
23	prior to August 11, 2005.
24	Issue No. 25:
25	Issues related to the application of the Revised Protocol.
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1 party raising the issue, and has been authorized to represent that the modification satisfies

2 Sherman County/Simplot's concern on this point. Thus, this issue can be eliminated.

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1	PacifiCorp Comment: PacifiCorp disagrees with the addition of this issue. The
2	Commission has established in Order No. 05-584 the avoided cost methodology to be used
3	for fixing PacifiCorp's avoided cost rates, and that methodology, and the resulting rates, will
4	not be affected by any analyses of Revised Protocol. If the application of Revised Protocol's
5	provision regarding the situs assignment of a portion of QF power purchase agreement costs
6	(those costs above the cost of a "Comparable Resource") ever comes into play, it will be in
7	the context of a case addressing PacifiCorp's recovery of those costs. The Comparable
8	Resources, and their costs, will change over time, and it would be an unnecessary and
9	wasteful use of the Commission's and parties' time and resources to undertake analyses of
10	Revised Protocol issues in this docket.
11	Issue No. 26:
	Should "By, Seller" in § 2.2.2 of PacifiCorp's contract be
	replaced with "Upon completion of construction, Seller" to harmonize with §6.1?
14	PacifiCorp Comment: PacifiCorp agrees with the suggested change to its contract.
15	Thus, this issue can be removed.
16	Issue No. 27:
Should "Seller's shareholders, directors and officers have" in contract be replaced with "Seller has" to accommodate all type than only corporations?	Should "Seller's shareholders, directors and officers have" in § 3.2.3 of PacifiCorp's
19	PacifiCorp Comment: PacifiCorp agrees with the suggest change. Thus, this issue
20	can be removed.
21	Staff's Proposed Consolidated Issues List—Phase II
22	Proposed issue not included in Staff's list: PacifiCorp proposed that the following
23	issue be addressed in Phase II:
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	("EITF") 01-08 and Financial Interpretation No. 46 ("Fin 46") and how it should be treated in avoided cost adjustments.
26	ucated in avoided cost adjustments.

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1	PacifiCorp continues to believe that the debt issue resulting from the new accounting	
2	rules must be addressed by the Commission if the avoided cost rates are to comply with the	
3	PURPA requirement of ratepayer neutrality. While this cost issue will not be applicable to	
4	all QF contracts, in some cases it will be a real cost, the impacts of which on the utility's	
5	customers should not be ignored.	
6	DATED: October 21, 2005.	
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