## 1 BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION 2 **OF OREGON** 3 **UM 1209** 4 In the Matter of 5 MIDAMERICAN ENERGY HOLDINGS STAFF'S RESPONSE TO CITIZENS UTILITY BOARD OF OREGON'S MOTION TO MODIFY **COMPANY** 6 THE SCHEDULE 7 Application for Authorization to Acquire Pacific Power & Light, dba PacifiCorp 8 9 INTRODUCTION 10 On November 1, 2005, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon ("CUB") filed a motion to 11 modify the schedule in this docket. In a November 2, 2005 telephone conference, the parties 12 discussed CUB's motion to modify the schedule ("CUB's Motion"). During the telephone 13 conference, Staff stated that it had not had an opportunity to fully consider CUB's Motion, but 14 that its overriding concern was that a full and complete record be developed for the Public Utility 15 Commission of Oregon ("Commission"). On November 3, 2005, ALJ, Christina Smith issued a 16 ruling establishing the deadline for responses as November 7, 2005. Accordingly, Staff takes 17 this opportunity to respond to CUB's Motion. 18 **DISCUSSION** 19 CUB's Motion requests that the schedule be modified in a manner that will add an 20 additional round of testimony by the Applicant between Staff and Intervenor testimonies and 21 offers an example of a potential modified schedule with the additional round of testimony by 22 Applicant. See CUB Motion at 2-3. Staff agrees in principle with CUB that the schedule should 23 be amended in order to allow for the development of a full and complete record. 24 /// 25 /// 26 ///

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1	While Staff agrees and supports CUB's Motion to modify the schedule, it does not		
2	support CUB's proffered schedule <sup>1</sup> because it does not allow the Applicants the ability to		
3	respond in writing to Staff and Intervenors' surrebuttal. Therefore, Staff respectfully requests		
4	that a modified schedule include Applicant's sursurrebuttal testimony. This round of testimony		
5	would be Applicant's response to Staff and Intervenors' surrebutal testimony and would be filed		
6	at such a time in the schedule to allow the parties time to pursue a round of discovery on		
7	Applicant's sursurrebuttal testimony before the evidentiary hearing.		
8	For example, Staff would propose the following, or a similar, schedule:		
9	Staff and Intervenor Testimony: November 21, 2005		
10	Applicant Rebuttal Testimony: December 7, 2005		
11	Staff and Intervenor Surrebuttal: December 30, 2005		
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13	Applicant Sursurrebutal Testimony: January 9, 2006 <sup>2</sup>		
14	Evidentiary Hearings: January 18 - 20, 2006		
15	Staff's proposed schedule is preferable to CUB's proposed schedule because it not only		
16	mitigates CUB's concerns, but it also follows the traditional procedure of allowing the		
17	Applicants to file the last round of testimony. If Applicant's last round of testimony is filed in		
18	adequate time before the evidentiary hearing, it has the additional benefit of allowing the parties		
19	to more effectively and efficiently prepare a full and complete record at the evidentiary hearing.		
20	For example, it allows the parties the opportunity to seek discovery of Applicant's rebuttal to		
21	Staff and Intervenors' testimony in preparation for the evidentiary hearing. Otherwise, the		
22	Applicants may respond to Staff and Intervenors' testimony at the evidentiary hearing without		
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24	While CUB's Motion outlines a schedule, it is referred to as an "example." Staff takes this to mean that		
25	CUB's proposed schedule is only one possible schedule that would include additional testimony by the Applicants.		
26	<sup>2</sup> This assumes that a ruling adopting a modified schedule provides a five day data response turnaround at		

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this point in the schedule.

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1	Staff and Intervenors having an opportunity to consider and seek discovery of Applicant's		
2	rebuttal. Thus, Staff supports the CUB's Motion in principle, but requests a slight modification		
3	to CUB's proposed procedure.		
4	CONCLUSION		
5	For the foregoing reasons, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission grant CUB's		
6	Motion and modify the schedule consistent with Staff's proposed objectives for creating a full		
7	and complete record.		
8	DATED this 7 <sup>th</sup> day of November 2005.		
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