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Public Utility Commission of Oregon 201 High Street SE, Suite 100 Salem, OR 97301-3398

Attn: Filing Center

RE: UE 374—PacifiCorp's Motion for a General Protective Order

Expedited Consideration Requested

PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power hereby submits for filing its Motion for General Protective Order with Expedited Consideration Requested. The entry of a general protective order will prevent delay in providing confidential information when PacifiCorp files its general rate case, which has been pre-assigned docket number UE 374, on February 14, 2020.

Please direct any inquiries about this filing to Cathie Allen, Regulatory Affairs Manager, at (503) 813-6583.

Sincerely,

Etta Lockey

Vice President, Regulation

Enclosure

cc: Service List—UE 263

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

UE 374

In the Matter of
PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC POWER
Request for a General Rate Revision.

PACIFICORP'S MOTION FOR A GENERAL PROTECTIVE ORDER

EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION REQUESTED

1 Under ORCP 36(C)(1) and OAR 860-001-0080(1), PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power 2 (Company) moves the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) for entry of a general 3 protective order in these proceedings. The Company will file a request for a general rate increase 4 on February 14, 2020. The initial filing, including the Company's responses to many of 5 Commission Staff's Standard Data Requests, will include confidential information. The 6 Company requests expedited consideration of this motion so it may promptly provide the 7 confidential information in the initial filing to parties. Good cause exists to issue a protective 8 order to protect commercially sensitive and confidential business information related to the 9 Company's request for a general rate increase. 10 The Commission's rules authorize PacifiCorp to seek reasonable restrictions on discovery of trade secrets and other confidential business information. The Commission's 11 12 general protective order is designed to allow the broadest possible discovery consistent with the need to protect confidential information.² PacifiCorp's initial filing in this case includes 13 14 proprietary cost data and models, commercially sensitive pricing information, confidential

¹ See OAR 860-001-0080(1) (adopting the Oregon Rules of Civil Procedure); ORCP 36(C)(1) (providing protection against unrestricted discovery of "trade secrets or other confidential research, development, or commercial information"). See also In re Investigation into the Cost of Providing Telecommunication Service, Docket UM 351, Order No. 91-500 (1991) (recognizing that protective orders are a reasonable means to protect "the rights of a party to trade secrets and other confidential commercial information" and "to facilitate the communication of information between litigants").

² OAR 860-001-0080(2).

- 1 market analyses and business projections, and confidential information regarding contracts
- 2 for the purchase or sale of electric power, power services, or fuel. PacifiCorp will be
- 3 exposed to competitive injury if it is forced to make unrestricted disclosure of its confidential
- 4 business information.
- 5 It is also substantially likely that the parties to these proceedings will seek to discover
- 6 further information held by PacifiCorp, including confidential business information.
- 7 Issuance of a protective order will facilitate the production of relevant information and
- 8 expedite the discovery process.
- 9 For these reasons, PacifiCorp respectfully requests that the Commission enter its
- 10 general protective order in this docket. The Company requests expedited consideration of
- this motion to allow parties who execute the protective order to promptly obtain the
- 12 confidential information in the initial filing and responses to discovery requests.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of February, 2020.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I electronically filed a true and correct copy of PacifiCorp's **Motion for a General Protective Order** on the parties listed below via electronic mail in compliance with OAR 860-001-0180.

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Dated February 10, 2020.

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