# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

# **OF OREGON**

UM 1734

In the Matter of  PACIFICORP, dba PACI Application to Reduce th Facility Contract Term at Qualifying Facility Stand Eligibility Cap	ne Qualifying and Lower the	PETITION TO INTERVENE
Sierra Club petitions to in following is provided:	ntervene in this proc	eeding. In support of this petition, the
1. The contact information	on (name, address, e	mail address) of the petitioner is:
2a. The petitioner ⊠ wi		94105 raclub.org service list. presented by counsel in this proceeding. The
		be included on the service list is:
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3. If the petitioner is an organization, the number of members in and the purposes of the organization:

Sierra Club, founded in 1892, is the nation's oldest non-profit, grass-roots environmental organization. The Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club is a non-profit member-supported, public interest organization that promotes conservation of the Oregon natural environment by influencing public policy decisions—legislative, administrative, legal, and electoral. The Oregon Sierra Club has more than 15,000 members in the state. Sierra Club's 1.3 million members nationwide are dedicated to the protection and preservation of the natural and human environment, including protecting public health. The Sierra Club's most important current priority is to advance smart, clean energy solutions that address the critical problems of global warming, air pollution, and our nation's dependence on fossil fuels.

List of Members attached

4. The nature and extent of the Petitioner's interest in the proceeding is:

Sierra Club has a substantial interest in this docket. Its members seek to advance energy development and resource procurement policies in Oregon that recognize the benefits of appropriately-sited, low-emission electricity generating resources for Oregon's economy and the health and well being of its citizens and natural environment. Sierra Club is concerned that PacifiCorp's propsed change to PURPA contract terms would create a substantial barrier to further renewable energy development in Oregon. Petitioner's members in Oregon seek to promote clean energy alternatives to fossil fuels, such as wind, solar, and geothermal energy, so as to protect public health and Oregon's unique ecosystems.

5. The issues the Petitioner intends to raise at the proceeding are:

Sierra Club intends to review PacifiCorp's proposal to reduce the standard terms for PURPA contracts in Oregon and investigate whether and to what extent such action may impede future renewable energy development in Oregon and/or impose unnecessary costs on ratepayers.

6. The special knowledge or expertise of the Petitioner that would assist the Commission in resolving the issues in the proceeding is:

Sierra Club has special expertise in the realm of environmental regulatory compliance and the viability of responsible deployment of clean energy alternatives. With staff and volunteers in PacifiCorp's multi-state territory, Sierra Club can provide knowledge and experience regarding viable energy solutions for clean air and clean water in the region. Additionally, Sierra Club has experience intervening in similar dockets before other public utility commissions, including PacifiCorp's application to reduce the term of PURPA contracts in Idaho (Case No. PAC-E-15-03) and Utah (Docket 15-035-53).

7. Based on the information provided above in accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, I request to participate in this proceeding as an intervenor. I or the organization that I represent will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding. OAR 860-001-0300.

/s/ Travis Ritchie

Petitioner or Petitioner's Representative

September 3, 2015
Date Signed

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2015, I caused to be served the foregoing PETITION TO INTERVENE in Docket UM 1734 upon all party representatives on the official service list for this proceeding via electronic mail.

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