Portland, Oregon 97232



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#### VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Oregon Public Utility Commission 550 Capitol Street NE, Ste 215 Salem, OR 97301-2551

Attention: Vikie Bailey-Goggins, Administrator

Regulatory and Technical Support

RE: Application of PacifiCorp

**Docket No. UM 1102(5)** 

Enclosed for filing by PacifiCorp dba, Pacific Power is an Application for Reauthorization of Deferred Accounting Regarding Intervenor Funding Grants. Also attached is the Notice of Application by PacifiCorp, pursuant to OAR 860-027-0300(3)(e). An original and five (5) copies will be provided via overnight delivery.

A copy of the Notice of Application will be sent to the service list for PacifiCorp's most recent general rate case, Docket No. UE 179, pursuant to OAR 860-027-0300(6).

The company respectfully requests that data requests regarding this matter be addressed to:

By E-mail (preferred): datarequest@pacificorp.com.

By regular mail: Data Request Response Center

PacifiCorp

825 NE Multnomah, Suite 2000

Portland, OR 97232

Other questions with respect to this filing may be directed to Joelle Steward at (503) 813-5542.

Very truly yours,

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Vice President, Regulation

**Enclosures** 

cc: Service list for Docket No. UE-179

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#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

#### **OF OREGON**

### **UM 1102(5)**

In the Matter of the Application of PACIFICORP for Reauthorization of Deferred Accounting Regarding Intervenor Funding Grants.

#### APPLICATION OF **PACIFICORP**

1		Pursuant to ORS 757.259 and OAR 860-027-0300, PacifiCorp, d.b.a. Pacific Power
2	(or "(	Company"), files this application ("Application") with the Public Utility Commission of
3	Orego	on ("Commission") for an order reauthorizing the Company to record and defer, on an
4	ongo	ing basis, the cost of intervenor funding grants under ORS 757.259(3). The Company
5	respe	ctfully requests reauthorization for a 12 month period commencing July 1, 2008.
6		In support of this Application, PacifiCorp states:
7	A.	PacifiCorp
8		PacifiCorp is a public utility in the state of Oregon and is subject to the jurisdiction of
9	the C	commission with regard to rates, service, and accounting practices. PacifiCorp also
10	provides retail electricity service in the states of California, Idaho, Utah, Washington, and	
11	Wyon	ning.
12	В.	Statutory Authority
13		This Application is filed pursuant to ORS 757.259, which authorizes the deferral of
14	expen	ses or revenues of a public utility for later incorporation in rates.
15	C.	Communications

Communications regarding this Application should be addressed to:

Application for Reauthorization of Intervenor Funding Deferral

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825 NE Multnomah, Suite 1800 825 NE Multnomah, Suite 2000 Portland, OR 97232 Portland, OR 97232 Telephone: (503) 813-5977 Telephone: (503) 813-5542 Facsimile: (503) 813-7252 Facsimile: (503) 813-6060 E-mail: michelle.mishoe@pacificorp.com E-mail: oregondockets@pacificorp.com In addition, PacifiCorp requests that all data requests regarding this Application be 1 2 sent to the following: 3 By email (preferred): datarequest@pacificorp.com By regular mail: Data Request Response Center 4 **PacifiCorp** 825 NE Multnomah, Suite 2000 6 7 Portland, Oregon 97232 Informal questions may be directed to Joelle Steward, Oregon Regulatory Affairs 8 9 Manager at (503) 813-5542. 10 **Basis for Application** D. 11 1. **Statutory Authority** 12 ORS 757.072 authorizes the Commission to approve an agreement between an energy 13 utility and a customer organization for intervenor funding. ORS 757.259(3) allows a utility 14 to recover intervenor funding in rates through deferred accounting: "Upon request of the public utility, the commission by order 15 16 shall allow deferral of amounts provided as financial assistance 17 under an agreement entered into under ORS 757.072 for later 18 incorporation in rates." 19 Deferred amounts under ORS 757.259(3) are not subject to the percentage of gross revenues limitation on amortization or other provisions of subsections (5), (6), (7), and (8) of ORS 20 21 757.259. 22 Commission Approval of the Intervenor Funding Agreement 23 On July 2, 2003, pursuant to section 2 of the Intervenor Funding Act, the Commission 24 issued Order No. 03-388 in Docket No. AR 462, which, among other things, approved the

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- 1 Intervenor Funding Agreement among PacifiCorp, Portland General Electric Company,
- 2 Northwest Natural Gas Company, Northwest Industrial Gas Users, Citizens' Utility Board of
- 3 Oregon ("CUB"), and Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities, dated February 5, 2003
- 4 (the "Intervenor Funding Agreement"). On December 19, 2007, the Commission issued
- 5 Order No. 07-564 in Docket No. UM 1357 approving the amended and restated Intervenor
- 6 Funding Agreement that extends intervenor funding until December 31, 2012. The
- 7 Intervenor Funding Agreement sets forth the amount of funding to be contributed by each
- 8 utility and the procedures for budget submittals by intervenors, Commission approval of
- 9 budgets, and the payment of grants by utilities.

#### E. Request for Reauthorization of Deferred Accounting

- The Commission originally authorized deferral of the Intervenor Funding Agreement
- 12 costs beginning September 17, 2003, in Order 03-560. The Commission has reauthorized
- this deferral annually in Order 05-862 (entered July 18, 2005), in Order No. 06-251 (entered
- 14 May 25, 2006) and most recently, in Order No. 07-268 (entered June 11, 2007). Order No.
- 15 07-268 reauthorized deferral until June 30, 2008. The Company seeks reauthorization of this
- deferral for a 12-month period beginning July 1, 2008.

#### F. Amounts Subject to Deferral

18 The Company anticipates that the maximum amounts to be deferred during the 12-

month period beginning July 1, 2008 will be:

Fund

CUB Fund \$ 57,500

Preauthorized Matching Fund \$ 57,500

Issue Fund \$125,000

Total \$225,000

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#### G. Accounting

- 2 The Company proposes to record payment of Intervenor Funding Grants in Account
- 3 182.3—Miscellaneous Deferred Debits. In the absence of the Commission's approval of this
- 4 Application, the Company would not incur the cost of Intervenor Funding Grants. Were such
- 5 costs incurred, however, they would be recorded in Account 930—Miscellaneous General
- 6 Expenses.
- WHEREFORE, PacifiCorp respectfully requests that in accordance with ORS
- 8 757.259(3), the Commission reauthorize the Company to record and defer, on an ongoing
- 9 basis and commencing as of July 1, 2008, Intervenor Funding Grants incurred by the
- 10 Company pursuant to the Intervenor Funding Agreement, as described in this Application.

DATED: May 21, 2008.

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Counsel for PacifiCorp

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

UM 1102(5)

In the Matter of the Application of PACIFICORP for Reauthorization of Deferred Accounting Regarding Intervenor Funding Grants.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF PACIFICORP

On May 21, 2008, Applicant PacifiCorp applied ("Application") to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Commission") for reauthorization to use deferred accounting regarding intervenor funding grants. The Commission initially authorized PacifiCorp's deferred accounting for intervenor funding grants in Order No. 03-560. The Commission subsequently reauthorized this deferred accounting in Order Nos. 05-862, 06-251 and 07-268.

On July 2, 2003, pursuant to section 2 of the Intervenor Funding Act, the Commission issued Order No. 03-388 in Docket No. AR 462, which, among other things, approved the Intervenor Funding Agreement among PacifiCorp, Portland General Electric Company, Northwest Natural Gas Company, Northwest Industrial Gas Users, Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon ("CUB"), and Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities, dated February 5, 2003 (the "Intervenor Funding Agreement"). On December 19, 2007, the Commission issued Order No. 07-564 in Docket No. UM 1357 approving the amended and restated Intervenor Funding Agreement that extends intervenor funding until December 31, 2012. The Intervenor Funding Agreement sets forth the amount of

funding to be contributed by each utility and the procedures for budget submittals by

intervenors, Commission approval of budgets, and the payment of grants by utilities.

Granting of the Application will not authorize a change in rates, but will permit

the Commission to consider allowing the deferred amounts in rates in a subsequent

proceeding.

A copy of the Application may be accessed through PacifiCorp's website at

www.pacificorp.com (Docket UM 1102) or by contacting Joelle Steward at (503) 813-

5542.

Any person may submit to the Commission written comments on the Application

in accordance with procedures set forth by the Commission. The deadline for submission

of comments is June 16, 2008.

DATED: May 21, 2008

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Notice of Application for Reauthorization of Intervenor Funding Deferral 2

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing Notice of Application upon the parties of record in PacifiCorp's last general rate case proceeding, Docket No. UE 179, on the date indicated below, by E-Mail and Overnight Delivery (to those parties who have not waived paper service), to said person(s) a true copy thereof, contained in a sealed envelope, addressed to said person(s) at his or her last-known address(es) indicated below.

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DATED: May 21, 2008.

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