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

Attention: **Filing Center** 

#### RE: **Application of Pacific Power Docket UM 1102(8)**

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 one copy will be provided via overnight delivery.

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

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

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.

Respectfully,

Andrea L. Kelly

Vice President, Regulation

Enclosures

cc: Service list for Docket UM 1102

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing document to parties in Docket UM-1102, on the date indicated below by email or US Mail if an email address has not been provided, addressed to said parties at his or her last-known address(es) indicated below.

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DATED: July 1, 2011

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#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

### UM 1102(8)

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

#### APPLICATION OF PACIFICORP

Pursuant to ORS 757.259 and OAR 860-027-0300, PacifiCorp, d.b.a. Pacific Power (or Company), files this application (Application) with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) for an order reauthorizing the Company to record and defer, on an ongoing basis, the cost of intervenor funding grants under ORS 757.259(3). The Company respectfully requests reauthorization for a 12-month period commencing August 1, 2011.

In support of this Application, and in accordance with OAR 860-027-0300 (3) & (4),

PacifiCorp states:

### A. PacifiCorp

PacifiCorp is a public utility in the state of Oregon and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission with regard to rates, service, and accounting practices. PacifiCorp also provides retail electricity service in the states of California, Idaho, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

#### **B.** Statutory Authority

This Application is filed pursuant to ORS 757.259, which authorizes the deferral of expenses or revenues of a public utility for later incorporation in rates.

#### C. Communications

Communications regarding this Application should be addressed to:

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In addition, PacifiCorp requests that all data requests regarding this Application be sent to

the following:

By email (preferred): datarequest@pacificorp.com

By regular mail: Data Request Response Center PacifiCorp 825 NE Multnomah, Suite 2000 Portland, Oregon 97232

Informal questions may be directed to Joelle Steward, Regulatory Manager at (503) 813-

5542.

### **D.** Basis for Application

### 1. Statutory Authority

ORS 757.072 authorizes the Commission to approve an agreement between an energy

utility and a customer organization for intervenor funding. ORS 757.259(3) allows a utility to

recover intervenor funding in rates through deferred accounting:

"Upon request of the public utility, the commission by order shall allow deferral of amounts provided as financial assistance under an agreement entered into under ORS 757.072 for later incorporation in rates."

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 757.259.

# 2. Commission Approval of the Intervenor Funding Agreement

On July 2, 2003, pursuant to section 2 of the Intervenor Funding Act, the Commission

issued Order No. 03-388 in Docket 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 (ICNU), dated February 5, 2003 (the Intervenor Funding Agreement). On December 19, 2007, the Commission issued Order No. 07-564 in Docket 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. Additionally, the Intervenor Funding Agreement allows intervenors to request grants at any time during the calendar year.

### E. Request for Reauthorization of Deferred Accounting

Under the instant docket, the Commission issued a series of orders authorizing PacifiCorp's deferral of Intervenor Funding Agreement costs. The Commission originally authorized deferral of the Intervenor Funding Agreement 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 May 25, 2006), in Order No. 07-268 (entered June 11, 2007), in Order No. 08-324 (entered June 13, 2008), Order No. 09-304 (entered August 3, 2009), and most recently in Order No. 10-323 (entered August 17, 2010). Order No. 10-323 reauthorized the deferral through July 31, 2011. The Company seeks reauthorization of this deferral for a 12-month period beginning August 1, 2011.

#### F. Amounts Subject to Deferral

The Company anticipates that the maximum amounts to be deferred during the 12-month period beginning August 1, 2011 will be:

CUB Fund	\$ 57,500
Preauthorized Matching Fund	\$ 57,500
Issue Fund	<u>\$125,000</u>
Total	<u>\$240,000</u>

### G. Accounting

Fund

The Company proposes to record payment of Intervenor Funding Grants in Account 182.3—Miscellaneous Deferred Debits.

# H. Notice

A copy of the Notice of the Application of PacifiCorp for Reauthorization of Deferred Accounting Regarding Intervenor Funding Grants is included with this Application as Attachment A. This notice will be served to the service list from the Company's most recent general rate case.

WHEREFORE, PacifiCorp respectfully requests that in accordance with ORS 757.259(3), the Commission reauthorize the Company to record and defer, on an ongoing basis and commencing as of August 1, 2011, Intervenor Funding Grants incurred by the Company pursuant to the Intervenor Funding Agreement, as described in this Application.

DATED: July 1, 2011.

Michelle R. Mishoe, OSB #07242 Legal Counsel Pacific Power

Counsel for PacifiCorp

# ATTACHMENT A

# NOTICE

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

### UM 1102(8)

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

Notice of Application for Reauthorization to Defer Intervenor Funding Costs

On June 30, 2011, PacifiCorp, d.b.a. Pacific Power, filed an Application with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) for an order reauthorizing deferral of intervenor funding costs. Approval of Pacific Power's Application will not authorize a change in rates, but will permit the Commission to consider allowing such deferred amounts in rates in a subsequent proceeding. Persons who wish to obtain a copy of Pacific Power's filing should contact the following:

PacifiCorp Oregon Dockets PacifiCorp 825 NE Multnomah, Suite 2000 Portland, OR 97232 Telephone: (503) 813-5542 E-mail: oregondockets@pacificorp.com

Any person who wishes to submit written comments to the Commission must do so no

later than July 25, 2011.

DATED: July 1, 2011

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Counsel for PacifiCorp