

1 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**
2 **OF OREGON**

3 UE 177

4 In the Matter of

5 PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,
6 (UE 177)

7 Filing its tariffs establishing automatic
8 adjustment clauses under the terms of SB 408.

STAFF'S OPENING BRIEF

9 INTRODUCTION

10 Consistent with the schedule in this docket, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon
11 Staff (Staff) files this opening brief. PacifiCorp's Amended Tax Report is consistent with
12 applicable statutes and rules and should, therefore, be accepted. Furthermore, Staff does not
13 object to PacifiCorp's proposed amortization of the surcharge amount.

14 DISCUSSION

15 On October 15, 2007, PacifiCorp submitted its tax report for the 2006 tax period. *See*
16 Staff/100, Owings-Ball/2, line 6-7. Staff reviewed PacifiCorp's tax report and requested certain
17 revisions to the tax report based upon Staff's review. *See generally* Staff/100, Owings-Ball/2-6.
18 PacifiCorp performed Staff's requested revisions. *See* PPL/203; PPL/200, Fuller/4, line 6
19 through Fuller/5, line 8; *see also* Staff/100, Owings-Ball/7, lines 5-10. Finally, Staff's review
20 concluded that PacifiCorp's amended tax report was consistent with the applicable statutes and
21 rules. *See* Staff/200, Owings-Ball/7, line 17 through Owings-Ball/8, line 3.

22 PacifiCorp proposes to amortize \$27 million of the surcharge through Schedule 102 in
23 2008-09 and defer the rest of the surcharge to its SB 408 balancing account. *See* PPL/100,
24 Larson/3, lines 7-11. Staff does not oppose PacifiCorp's amortization proposal.

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1 CONCLUSION

2 For the foregoing reasons, Staff respectfully urges the Commission to issue an order
3 finding that PacifiCorp's amended tax report is consistent with applicable statutes and rules.

4 DATED this 14th day of March 2008.

5 Respectfully submitted,

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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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3 I certify that on March 14, 2008, I served the foregoing upon all parties of record in this
4 proceeding by delivering a copy by electronic mail and by mailing a copy by postage prepaid
5 first class mail or by hand delivery/shuttle mail to the parties accepting paper service.

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