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# Re: UE 374 – In the Matter of PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC POWER'S Request for a General Rate Revision.

Attention Filing Center:

Attached for filing in the above-referenced docket is PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power's Errata to the Prehearing Brief filed September 2, 2020. This errata clarifies the wording on page 42, as shown in redline.

For convenience, both a red-line and clean version of the corrected page of the Prehearing Brief are enclosed. Confidential material in support of the filing will be provided to qualified parties under Protective Order No. 20-040 via encrypted zip file.

Please contact this office with any questions.

Sincerely,

Katherine McDowell

Attachment

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I certify that I delivered a true and correct copy of the confidential pages of PacifiCorp's **Errata to the Prehearing Brief** on the parties listed below that have signed the protective order via electronic mail and/or or overnight delivery in compliance with OAR 860-001-0180.

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# **CLEAN VERSION**

### **ERRATA PAGE 42**

### PACIFICORP'S PREHEARING BRIEF

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#### as of December 1, 2013.<sup>249</sup>

When the Company issued the FNTP on December 1, 2013, PacifiCorp also knew that the estimated costs for natural gas conversion would have been substantially higher than those used in the SCR analysis because pursuing gas conversion in December 2013 would have created a compressed development and construction schedule. In addition, the Company had subsequently obtained market-based evidence of conversion costs based on the proposal to convert Naughton Unit 3.<sup>250</sup> Specifically, by January 2014, the Company had received competitive bids for the Naughton Unit 3 conversion that were, under a conservative estimate, approximately 30 percent more expensive than forecast.<sup>251</sup> As a result, the actual benefits of the SCRs relative to natural gas conversion were significantly higher than analyzed. Taken together, these factors would have made it unreasonable to change course and pursue a higher-cost, higher-risk compliance option.

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