BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1208

In the Matter of)	
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Draft 2012 Requests for Proposals.)	

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DISPOSITION: PETITION TO INTERVENE GRANTED; SCHEDULE TO PROCEED

On July 11, 2006, Pacific Power & Light (PacifiCorp) submitted its Draft 2012 Requests for Proposals (RFP) for up to four base load plants on the East side of its system in 2012, 2013 and 2014. The filing is made in accordance with the requirements set forth in Order No. 91-1383. In order to provide sufficient time for the solicitation process, and any permitting, development, or construction time that may be required by the winning bidder, PacifiCorp seeks a Commission order approving the RFP within 90 days, or October 9, 2006.

The purpose of this notice is to advise persons of PacifiCorp's filing, and to indicate that the Commission intends to use, in this docket, a formal comment process similar to that used in reviewing final integrated resource plans (IRP). Specific details as to the timing of events will be established at a scheduling conference to be held at a later date. In addition, this docket will be subject to new competitive bidding guidelines adopted in UM 1182. The Commission is hoping to release a final order in that docket within the next couple of weeks.

Persons interested in becoming parties to this docket should file a petition to intervene by August 1, 2006. This will help the Commission establish a service list to facilitate discovery and the processing of this docket. The Commission has already received a petition to intervene from the Northwest Independent Power Producers Coalition (NIPPC). I find that NIPPC has sufficient interest in the proceeding and that its appearance and participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding. See OAR 860-012-0001. Accordingly, the petition is conditionally granted, subject to the timely filing of objections. In addition, the Citizens' Utility Board (CUB) has filed a notice of intervention pursuant to ORS 774.180.

Finally, the Commission Staff will be conducting a workshop in this docket on August 16, 2006. For more information about this workshop, please contact Lisa Swartz at 503-378-8718 or lisa.c.schwartz@state.or.us

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 25th day of July 2006.

Michael Grant Chief Administrative Law Judge