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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Carole J. Washburn Executive Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW Olympia, WA 98504-7250

## Re: Docket No. UE-070117 PacifiCorp's Expedited Request for Extension of Time to File an Integrated Resource Plan Pursuant to WC 480-100-238

Pursuant to WAC 480-100-238(4), PacifiCorp hereby requests an extension of time for 60 days in which to file its Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) in compliance with WAC 480-100-238.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (503) 813-6043 or Melissa Seymour at (503) 813-6711.

Respectfully,

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Enclosure

## BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of PACIFICORP,

Petitioner

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1. Pursuant to WAC 480-100-238(4), PacifiCorp hereby requests an extension of time for 60 days in which to file its Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) in compliance with WAC 480-100-238.

On January 20, 2005, PacifiCorp filed its 2004 IRP with the Commission.
On November 3, 2005, PacifiCorp filed its Integrated Resource Plan update (2004 IRP Update) with the Commission.

On January 11, 2007, PacifiCorp filed a petition for a temporary
exemption from WAC 480-100-238(4) requesting an extension of time to file its 2006
IRP. The Commission granted PacifiCorp's request and set the following schedule:

Filing of Company's Draft IRP	February 19, 2007
Filing of Company's Final IRP	March 30, 2007

4. In addition, PacifiCorp was required to notify interested stakeholders and participants of this change in the filing date of the IRP. PacifiCorp notified these parties at its February 1, 2007 public input meeting. However, at this time, PacifiCorp advised parties that it would prefer to take additional time to complete its IRP filings in the six

states. Stakeholders attending the public input meeting voiced support for the additional time.

5. PacifiCorp appreciates the importance of adhering to Commission deadlines. To that end PacifiCorp has been working diligently to prepare the draft IRP consistent with the current schedule. However, it has become obvious to PacifiCorp that it cannot meet the current filing deadlines, if PacifiCorp is to adequately address and respond meaningfully to the important additional matters resulting from a series of recent commission and legislative developments. PacifiCorp has seriously considered its decision to request additional time and ultimately determined that a short extension of time would provide substantial benefits to the stakeholders and the company in the form of a more fully developed IRP proposal that takes into consideration the following significant developments:

a. accommodation of the "Washington-only" allocation methodology proposed in the currently pending PacifiCorp general rate case in Docket UE-061546. PacifiCorp will not receive formal testimony from key parties on this proposal until February 16, 2007 and thus, will not have an opportunity to respond to any issues in its IRP if it is required to file its draft IRP on February 19, 2007.

b. recent state legislation or proposed legislative/regulatory initiatives in Washington, California and Oregon designed to promote renewable facilities and restrict the use of new coal facilities. This includes the signing of the Western Public Utility Commissions' Joint Action Framework on Climate Change by this Commission, as well as the Oregon and California commissions.

c. the Oregon Public Utility Commission's new IRP guidelines issued
January 8, 2007, which took effect immediately and apply to PacifiCorp's 2006
IRP filing.

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d. comments received from stakeholders during the draft 2012 Request for Proposal development process, as well as the Oregon Public Utility Commission's denial of the company's request for approval of this RFP and the Public Service Commission of Utah's recommended RFP modifications.

e. the MSP Standing Committee has convened a Commissioner forum on March 7, 2007 to examine the impacts of divergent state energy policies in respect to new resources.

6. The company does not believe it is prudent or administratively efficient to submit an IRP that does not address these state-specific matters in a meaningful and fully developed manner. PacifiCorp needs additional time to conduct further portfolio analysis and revise its IRP to recognize the significant differences among the states in regard to energy policy and resource planning imperatives. Specifically, the company intends to analyze alternatives to a "base case" portfolio. The base case portfolio reflects the resource choices that the company would make in the absence of state restrictions upon the resources that could be selected, and that meets state least-cost resource planning requirements currently in place. Alternative portfolios would address the existing state restrictions as well as restrictions that can be reasonably anticipated based on current legislative activity and public policy trends. For example, a number of stakeholders in PacifiCorp's western states advocate a clean coal "bridging" strategy that defers coal plant investments until carbon dioxide removal and sequestration technologies become commercially proven. The additional portfolio analysis would help determine what resource choices are in alignment with such state-specific strategies, and reveal their cost and risk impacts on a system-wide basis. Additional time is also needed to develop an IRP process and action plan that addresses options for specifying state-specific or regionspecific resource portfolios, or is based on a framework that deviates from a system-wide planning basis.

7. PacifiCorp does not believe its current IRP can be acknowledged in all states given these differences, and will be greatly prejudiced if it does not receive additional time to undertake and complete these tasks. Also, stakeholders voiced their support at the February 1, 2007 IRP public input meeting for an additional filing extension to allow PacifiCorp to put forth a more fully developed draft IRP, incorporating the analysis identified above.

8. PacifiCorp requests an additional 60 day extension of time for filing its IRP in order to determine the best path to achieve an acknowledged IRP and action plan, and perform the needed analysis. PacifiCorp requests that the procedural schedule established in Order 01 *Order Granting Temporary Exemption from WAC 480-100-238(4)* (January 24, 2007) be amended as follows:

Filing of Company's Draft IRPMarch 19, 2007Filing of Company's Final IRPMay 30, 2007

9. Given the pending February 19, 2007 filing date, PacifiCorp respectfully requests expedited consideration of its extension request in order to comply with the Commission's requirements. In the event PacifiCorp does not receive an extension of time it will endeavor to comply with the timelines set forth in Commission Order 01 to the fullest extent possible.

Dated this 13th day of February 2007.

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