BEFORE THE WASHINGTON

UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WUTC v. Pacific Power (PacifiCorp)

Docket UE-140762 et al.

RESPONSE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL TO PACIFICORP DATA REQUEST NO. 2.6

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PACIFICORP DATA REQUEST NO. 2.6 TO PUBLIC COUNSEL:

Referring to the Testimony of Stephen G. Hill, Exhibit No. SGH-1CT:

For the proxy groups upon which Mr. Hill relies, please identify which companies have: (1) power cost adjustment mechanisms; (2) decoupling mechanisms; (3) earnings sharing mechanisms; (4) tracking mechanisms for recovery of construction work in progress or large capital investments; (5) fully forecast test years; (6) renewable portfolio standard requirements.

RESPONSE:

Mr. Hill has not analyzed the companies to examine the details of regulatory mechanisms. His screening process set out in his Exhibit No. SGH-5 is sufficient to select a sample group of similar risk for the determination of the cost of equity capital. The regulatory mechanisms listed in the question would tend to reduce operating risk, which would be captured in the bond ratings used by Mr. Hill to assist in selecting companies of similar risk.