

### **PC Data Request 131**

**Re: IHS Global Insight Indices.**

Please refer to page 12 of the Rebuttal Testimony of R. Bryce Dalley. At lines 20 and 21, Mr. Dalley states: "IHS Global insight is a national economic forecasting consultancy company that is widely used to develop economic forecasts".

- (a) Please identify all regulated electric utilities that the Company is aware of for which IHS Global Insight indices are used to escalate actual non-labor O&M and A&G expenses for purposes of setting rates under a similar method as that proposed by the Company in this case. As part of this response, please exclude the PacifiCorp entities for which rates are set on a future test year approach.
- (b) For each of the regulated electric utilities identified in response to (a), above, please indicate if a historic test year or a future test year approach is used in setting rates.
- (c) For each of the regulated electric utilities identified in response to (a), above, please identify the Commission that accepted this methodology and provide a citation to any regulatory order the Company is aware of in which this methodology was accepted.
- (d) For each of the regulated electric utilities identified in response to (a), above, if the methodology employed in applying the indices differs from the approach used by the Company (i.e., the approach contained in Exhibit No. NCS-3, pages 4.13.6 through 4.13.12), please explain the Company's understanding of how the approach used by the other regulated electric utilities differs.

### **Response to PC Data Request 131**

The Company objects to this request as unduly burdensome, overly broad, and to the extent it asks for public information that is readily obtainable by Public Counsel. Without waiving these objections, the Company responds as follows:

- (a)–(d) The Company understands that escalation indices are commonly used in the electric industry. The Company does not, however, maintain a record of specific utilities that use IHS Global Insight data. See the Company's response to Staff data requests WUTC 12.

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