

October 12, 2012

***VIA ELECTRONIC FILING***

***AND OVERNIGHT DELIVERY***

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW

P.O. Box 47250

Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Attention: Deborah Reynolds

Assistant Director, Conservation and Energy Planning

**RE: PacifiCorp’s SAIFI-based Major Event Report**

**Associated with Docket No. UE-120642, Annual Service Quality Report**

Dear Ms. Reynolds:

PacifiCorp, d.b.a. Pacific Power & Light Company is claiming major event exclusion for an outage that occurred September 17, 2012 in its Washington service territory. The transmission outage event was the result of a sidestack insulator that failed. The fault event impacted the local transmission system, which was subsequently reconfigured to restore power. The basis of the major event qualification is the company’s approved SAIFI-based major event criteria[[1]](#footnote-1) wherein more than 10% of the company’s operating area customers experience a sustained interruption simultaneously.

If you require further information regarding this report, please contact Carla Bird, Regulatory Manager at (503) 813-5269 or Heide Caswell, Director-Asset Performance at (503) 813-6216.

Sincerely,

William R. Griffith

Vice President, Regulation

Enclosures

cc: Roger Kouchi, WUTC

1. As approved in Docket UE-110634

   ***SAIFI-Based Major Event***

   A SAIFI-Based Major Event is defined as an event in which more than 10% of an operating area’s customers are simultaneously without service as a result of a sustained interruption. Yakima Operating Area’s SAIFI-based threshold for 2012 is 8,171 customers, since it serves a frozen customer count of 81,709 customers. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)