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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
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RE: *WUTC v. PacifiCorp (PacifiCorp 2010 General Rate Case)*  
Docket UE-100749  
Staff Report to Commissioners on Low Income Bill Assistance (LIBA) program.

Dear Commissioners:

Enclosed is Commission Staff's Report on the Low Income Bill Assistance (LIBA) program in the above-referenced docket.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures  
cc: Parties



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**STAFF REPORT**

*WUTC v. PacifiCorp (PacifiCorp 2010 General Rate Case)*, Docket UE-100749  
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Per Order 06 in this docket, page 124, Ordering Paragraph 2, the Commission ordered PacifiCorp to meet with “The Energy Project, Staff and the affected agencies” to engage in a collaborative process to discuss the current allocation of the LIBA surcharge collections, the interval for eligibility certification, and the level of administrative fees. The Commission also required Staff to report on the results of this process by September 25, 2011.

Staff acknowledges and regrets this report is filed a few weeks past the deadline set by the Commission.

On June 6, 2011, Staff met with the Blue Mountain Action Council, the Northwest Community Action Center, the Opportunities Industrialization Center of Washington, The Energy Project, and PacifiCorp. A good discussion ensued resulting in improved understanding of the needs of these agencies and the extent of the needs of low income ratepayers in PacifiCorp’s Washington service area. Although no definitive solutions were proposed or agreed upon at this meeting, there was an acknowledgement that talks should continue. Since June 6, 2011, Staff has kept in occasional contact with Chuck Eberdt of The Energy Project on the various components of PacifiCorp’s Schedule 17, the LIBA credit, and Schedule 91, the LIBA surcharge. The discussions are ongoing.

Staff hopes a plan can be put forth through the present PacifiCorp rate case, Docket UE-111190.

