

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Joint Application of	)	
	)	
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	)	<b>Docket No. UE-051090</b>
HOLDINGS COMPANY AND	)	
PACIFICORP, d/b/a PACIFIC	)	
POWER & LIGHT COMPANY	)	
	)	
For an Order Authorizing Proposed	)	
Transaction.	)	
_____	)	

**EXHIBIT NO. \_\_\_\_ (KC-4)**

**PACIFICORP RESPONSES TO OPUC STAFF DATA REQUEST NO. 9**

**AND CITIZENS' UTILITY BOARD DATA REQUEST NO. 5**

**November 18, 2005**

### CUB Data Request 5

Referring to the list of advantages bulleted on pages 18-19 of the Application, please identify which initiatives are new and which are already committed to or planned by PacifiCorp?

### Response to CUB Data Request 5

- a. \$812 million investment in emissions reduction technology – **while PacifiCorp had previously identified a need to make investments in emission controls, the only project that had been approved and budgeted was the Huntington 2 project, leaving the remaining projects subject to additional planning and commitment**
- b. \$78 million investment in Path C transmission upgrade - **new**
- c. \$196 million Mona-Oquirrh transmission line – **while included in the budget, no commitment was made**
- d. \$88 million in Walla Walla-Yakima transmission link - **new**
- e. \$75 million in Asset Risk Program – **new**
- f. \$69 million in local transmission projects – **new**
- g. 10 basis point reduction in cost of debt – **new**
- h. \$30 million reduction over five years in corporate overhead costs – **new**
- i. Consideration of reduced-emission coal technologies – **affirmation of PacifiCorp commitment**
- j. Affirmation of PacificCorp's goal of 1400 MW of cost-effective renewable resources – **affirmation of PacifiCorp commitment**
- k. Reduction in sulfur-hexafluoride emissions – **new**
- l. \$1 million shareholder-funded system-wide DSM/energy efficiency study – **new**
- m. Two year extension of customer service standards – **new**
- n. Commitment of MEHC resources and involvement in RMATS Frontier transmission, etc. – **new**

UM-1209/PacifiCorp  
September 7, 2005  
CUB Data Request 5

- o. Uniform application of prior PacifiCorp transaction commitments in all six states – **new**
- p. Utility own/operation option for consideration in renewable energy RFPs - **new**

UM-1209/PacifiCorp  
August 19, 2005  
OPUC Data Request 9

### **OPUC Data Request 9**

PPL/200, Johansen/6 notes that PacifiCorp has replaced and maintained transmission facilities. Referring to the transmission investments listed on PPL/100, Abel/14, line 9-Abel/15, line 26. For each transmission investment listed, provide a discussion answering the following questions:

- a. Has PacifiCorp identified the project as a needed improvement?
- b. Has PacifiCorp budgeted funds to undertake the improvement?
- c. Has the transmission improvements been identified or studied in the company's IRP?
- d. Has any state adopted an IRP that includes the transmission investment?
- e. Has the company undertaken a cost/benefit study regarding the transmission investment? If yes, please provide the study.

### **Response to OPUC Data Request 9**

- a. See Response to OPUC 9.e.
- b. PacifiCorp has approved limited funds to complete corridor alternative selection and begin preliminary site and permitting feasibility analysis on the Mona-Oquirrh project. PacifiCorp has also approved funding to secure one substation site at Oquirrh to reduce the future risk of locating the substation in an area that has high economic growth of residential and commercial properties. The commitment to the project is less than \$6 million.

No funds have been committed for the other two projects specifically referenced in the testimony.

- c. Only the "Mona – Oquirrh" transmission investment was identified and studied in PacifiCorp's 2004 IRP. This investment was associated with the CY 2009 Utah Combined-Cycle Combustion Turbine (CCCT) proxy resource identified in the Preferred Portfolio.
- d. None of the commissions regulating PacifiCorp "adopt" the Company's IRPs. Washington has acknowledged the IRP with the Mona – Oquirrh transmission investment included in PacifiCorp's Preferred Portfolio. Utah has also acknowledged the IRP, but has declined to acknowledge the Action Plan. In lieu of Action Plan acknowledgement, the Utah Public Service Commission ordered that the IRP Action Plan be considered in the approval process for PacifiCorp's subsequent resource solicitations.

UM-1209/PacifiCorp  
August 19, 2005  
OPUC Data Request 9

- e. As was indicated in Response to OPUC 9.c, the Mona-Oquirrh transmission project was evaluated as part of the Company's 2004 IRP, and is a component of the Preferred Portfolio. The Company is planning on evaluating the benefit of the Path-C upgrade as part of its 2004 IRP Update filing that is scheduled to be filed informally with the Commissions in October. As wind projects are identified as part of RFP 2003B, the Company will evaluate the benefits of the wind project and the Walla Walla - Yakima or Mid-C commitment for cost-effectiveness.