



January 31, 2006

Judge Theodora Mace  
Judge Ann Rendahl  
Commissioner Philip Jones  
Commissioner Patrick Oshie  
Chairman Mark Sidran  
Carole Washburn  
Executive Secretary  
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, SW  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Docket No. UE 050684  
WUTC Bench Staff Data Requests 14-25

Please find enclosed one original and eighteen copies of PacifiCorp's response to WUTC Bench Data Request (25).

If you have any questions, please call Shay LaBray at (503) 813-6176.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shay LaBray".

Shay LaBray  
Regulation

Enclosure

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UE-050684/PacifiCorp  
January 31, 2006  
WUTC Bench Data Request 25

### **WUTC Bench Data Request 25**

Please compare the average rates of Washington ratepayers of Puget Sound Energy, Washington Water Power and Pacific Power & Light at the time of the Utah Power & Light / Pacific Power & Light merger with average rates of Utah Power & Light's customers at that time. Similarly, compare 2004 PacifiCorp's average rates in Washington to these pre-merger rates and to the 2004 Washington average rates of PSE, Avista, and PacifiCorp's average rates in Utah.

### **Response to WUTC Bench Data Request 25**

Average rate data across all customer classes for all three utilities are not readily available to the Company from the time of the Utah Power & Light / Pacific Power & Light merger. However, residential prices for all three utilities are available to the Company from the time of the merger.

Attachment WUTC Bench 25 contains information comparing the average residential price for these utilities and for Utah customers for an average residential customer using 1300 kWh (the Washington average) at the time of the Pacific Power/Utah merger and December 31, 2005.

As shown in the attachment, at the time of the 1989 merger, PacifiCorp's residential prices were equivalent to Avista's and 12% below Puget's. Since then Avista's have risen 23%, Puget's 20% and PacifiCorp's only 12%. In 1989, PacifiCorp's Washington residential rates were 57% of Utah Power's Utah rates and by 2005 they were still only 66% of Utah's.

Responder: William R. Griffith  
Witness: William R. Griffith

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**WUTC BENCH DATA REQUEST**

**ATTACHMENT WUTC BENCH 25**

**Attachment WUTC\_Bench 25**  
**State of Washington**  
**Average Residential Bill**  
**@ Current Washington Average Usage - 1,300 kWh**  
**For the Period of 1989 Versus 2005**

	<u>Customer Monthly Bill</u>		% Change
	1989	2005	
<b>Avista *</b>	\$58.63	\$71.82	23%
<b>Puget Sound</b>	\$66.72	\$80.11	20%
<b>PacifiCorp - Washington</b>	\$58.72	\$65.82	12%
<b>Utah Power - Utah</b>	\$103.30	\$99.31 <sup>1</sup>	-4%

\* 1989 Avista was Washington Water Power Co.

<sup>1</sup> Utah Power is an average residential bill, using 5 months summer and 7 months winter