

January 9, 2006

**NOTICE OF ORAL ARGUMENT  
(Wednesday, January 11, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.)**

RE: *WUTC v. PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company,*  
Docket No. UE-050684;

*In the Matter of the Petition of PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company for an  
Order Approving Deferral of Costs Related to Declining Hydro Generation,*  
Docket No. UE-050412;

*In the Matter of the Joint Application of MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company and  
PacifiCorp, d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company,*  
Docket No. UE-051090

TO ALL PARTIES:

The Commission requests oral argument on Wednesday afternoon, January 11, 2006, beginning at 1:30 p.m. from parties in the consolidated PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp) general rate case dockets, Docket Nos. UE-050684 and UE-050412, and proposed acquisition of PacifiCorp by MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company (MEHC) in the pending Docket No. UE-051090. The oral argument concerns the possible interplay between the potential acquisition of PacifiCorp by MEHC and the cost of capital issues in the rate proceeding.

The Commission requests oral argument on the following issues:

1) Would Commission approval of the MEHC acquisition make a material change in PacifiCorp's capital structure and risk profile for purposes of the general rate case?

2) If not, why not?

3) If you believe it would, please discuss which of the following procedural options you would prefer in the general rate case, and why:

(A) The Company waives the statutory deadline in this proceeding, proceed with certain issues at this time, but request all parties refile cost of capital testimony after a decision in the MEHC acquisition proceeding;

(B) The Company waives the statutory deadline in this proceeding, defer all hearing dates and testimony until after a decision is entered in the MEHC acquisition proceeding and all parties refile cost of capital testimony; or

(C) The Commission dismisses the entire rate case and requests the Company refile its petition after a decision is entered in the MEHC acquisition proceeding.

Because the argument and the Commission's decisions that follow may implicate the pending transfer of property proceeding in Docket No. UE-051090, the parties to that proceeding will have an opportunity to present argument through separate counsel, as appropriate.

Counsel for PacifiCorp and MEHC will have 30 minutes for argument and 10 minutes for rebuttal, and all other parties will have 20 minutes for argument. Where the parties are the same, but with separate counsel in the two proceedings, counsel are encouraged to coordinate their argument within the time allotted. If any party requires additional time, please notify Judges Mace and Rendahl by the close of business on Tuesday, January 10, 2006.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN That oral argument on the issues identified above will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2006, in Room 206, the Commission's main hearing room, and that the cross-examination of Mr. MacRitchie scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2006, is rescheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2006.**

Other scheduling changes will be addressed following oral argument on January 11, 2006.

Sincerely,

ANN E. RENDAHL  
Administrative Law Judge

THEODORA M. MACE  
Administrative Law Judge