

BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
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Complainant,)	
)	Docket No. UE-061546
vs.)	
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PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC POWER &)	
LIGHT COMPANY)	
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Respondent.)	
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In the Matter of the Petition of)	
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PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY)	Docket No. UE-060817
)	
For an Accounting Order Approving Deferral)	
of Certain Costs Related to the MidAmerican)	
Energy Holdings Company Transition.)	
_____)	

EXHIBIT NO.__(WWB-6)

PAUL CAPELL LETTER TO LESTER WHITEHEAD

February 16, 2007

Mr. Lester Whitehead
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Les,

As you are aware, Pacific Power contracted with EPRI Solutions to complete a lightning study on the transmission facilities serving Cascade Kraft substation and the Boise – Wallula plant. The transmission facilities are designed with an unshielded and ungrounded configuration due to the low lightning incidence in the region.

The options recommended for consideration in the study were to install lightning arrestors on all three phases on every transmission structure or installing lightning arrestors on either the outer phases or top phase depending on the structure configuration. The estimated cost for installing the lightning arrestors on each phase is \$5+ million and the estimated cost for installing lightning arrestors on either the outer phases or top phase is \$2+ million. In either case faults will occur if the arrestor fails due to lightning strike energy.

With the low lightning flash density in the region of the Boise Wallula plant and the limited lightning performance improvement with the installation of lightning arrestors for their very high cost, Pacific Power does not intend to make that capital investment at this time.

If you wish to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to call.

Regards,

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