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Steven V. King
Executive Director and Secretary

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504‑7250

**RE: Docket UE-16\_\_\_\_\_\_—Affiliated Interest Filing—PacifiCorp and BNSF Railway Company**

Under the provisions of RCW 80.16.020 and in accordance with WAC 480-100-245, Pacific Power & Light Company (Pacific Power or Company), a division of PacifiCorp, provides notice of affiliated interest transactions with BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) for a license allowing Rocky Mountain Power to install certain electric facilities along or across BNSF property in Basin, Wyoming. A verified copy of the License For Electric Supply Line Across or Along Railway Property, Tracking #15-54261 (License), is included with this Notice as Attachment A.

Rocky Mountain Power is an unincorporated division of PacifiCorp. PacifiCorp is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company (BHE). BHE is a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. BNSF is also a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. RCW 80.16.010 includes in its definition of “affiliated interest,” “every corporation five percent or more of whose voting securities are owned by any person or corporation owning five percent or more of the voting securities of such public service company or by any person or corporation in any such chain of successive ownership of five percent or more of voting securities.” Therefore, Berkshire Hathaway, Inc.’s ownership interest in BHE and BNSF creates an affiliated interest relationship between the Company and BNSF.

The Company needs to install new lines to serve a retail customer in Basin, Wyoming, which will require crossing BNSF’s property. This transaction is related to the distribution of electricity service in Wyoming and therefore does not affect Washington rates. Notwithstanding, the Company is providing this notice out of an abundance of caution to ensure consistent treatment of affiliate contracts under the requirements of RCW 80.16.

BNSF uses standardized pricing for these types of licenses. Rocky Mountain Power will pay $3,600 for the license and has paid or will pay an additional $1,210 in additional processing, engineering and insurance fees pursuant to, or in conjunction with, the License. Obtaining the license is in the public interest because it allows the Company to install and maintain facilities necessary to provide electric service and to meet its obligation to provide safe and reliable electric service. Without the licenses, Rocky Mountain Power would not be able to meet its obligation to provide electric service. As the property owner, BNSF is the only entity that can provide the license to the Company.

Also included with this filing is a notarized verification from Jeff Erb, Assistant General Counsel regarding the License For Electric Supply Line Across or Along Railway Property.

It is respectfully requested that all formal correspondence and Staff requests regarding this material be addressed to:

By E-Mail (preferred): datarequest@pacificorp.com

By regular mail: Data Request Response Center

 PacifiCorp

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 Portland, Oregon, 97232

Please contact Ariel Son, Manager, Regulatory Projects, at 503-813-5410 if you have any informal questions.

Sincerely,

R. Bryce Dalley

Vice President, Regulation

Enclosure

**WASHINGTON AFFILIATED INTEREST FILING**

**ATTACHMENT A**

**LICENSE FOR ELECTRIC SUPPLY LINE ACROSS**

**OR ALONG RAILWAY PROPERTY #15-54261**

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**VERIFICATION**

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I, Jeffery B. Erb, am Assistant General Counsel of Pacific Power and am authorized to make this verification on its behalf. Based on my personal knowledge about the attached License For Electric Supply Line Across or Along Railway Property #15-54261, I verify that the License For Electric Supply Line Across or Along Railway Property #15-54261 is a true and accurate copy of the original.

I declare upon the penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_, 2016 at Portland, Oregon.

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Jeffery B. Erb

Assistant General Counsel

Pacific Power

Subscribed and sworn to me on this \_\_\_ day of January, 2016.

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Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_