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RE: Docket UE-19 _____ —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), a division of PacifiCorp, provides notice of an affiliated interest transaction with BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) for a license allowing PacifiCorp to perform a substation switch requiring the relocation and upgrade of facilities along or across BNSF property in Casper, Wyoming. To accommodate this project, a license needed to be obtained from BNSF. A verified copy of the License for Electric Supply Line Across or Along Railway Property (License), is included with this Notice as Attachment A.

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.

PacifiCorp is shutting down its Orpha substation and bringing the new Jackalope substation on-line to accommodate new load. The substation replacement will require relocation of distribution feeds and associated infrastructure that will require crossing BNSF’s property at multiple locations. Specifically, this particular project required PacifiCorp to cross BNSF’s property at nine different locations. PacifiCorp filed the first eight licenses related to the substation project in Docket UE-190185 on March 19, 2019. The additional ninth license is necessary to accommodate the substation transfer and is further described in Attachment A. This transaction is related to the distribution of electric service in Wyoming and therefore does not affect Washington rates. Notwithstanding, PacifiCorp is providing this notice out of an abundance of caution to ensure consistent treatment of affiliate contracts under the requirements of RCW 80.16 et. seq.

BNSF uses standardized pricing for these types of licenses. PacifiCorp will pay \$5,006 total for the License, which includes \$3,700 for the License, \$800 for additional processing, and \$506 for Railroad protective liability insurance. Obtaining the License is in the public interest because it

allows PacifiCorp to install and maintain facilities necessary to provide electric service and to meet its obligation to provide safe and reliable electric service. Without the license, PacifiCorp 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 PacifiCorp.

Also included with this filing is a notarized verification from Brian Bridge, Senior Property Agent, regarding the License.

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

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Please contact Ariel Son at (503) 813-5410 if you have any informal questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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