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RE: Docket UE-19 _____—Affiliated Interest Filing—PacifiCorp and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

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 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (Wells Fargo) for an easement allowing PacifiCorp to relocate an existing powerline onto Wells Fargo property in Corvallis, Oregon. A verified copy of the Right of Way Easement (Easement), 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. Wells Fargo 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 Wells Fargo creates an affiliated interest relationship between the company and Wells Fargo.

Pacific Power provides electric service to Wells Fargo and surrounding businesses through an overhead distribution system located in the alleyway behind the businesses. Due to the narrowness of the alleyway, garbage trucks have contacted the distribution poles, causing damage. In an effort to reduce future vehicle contact, Pacific Power contacted Wells Fargo to discuss relocating the poles onto Wells Fargo property. Wells Fargo’s property is the only property with space to accommodate the necessary relocation. This transaction is related to the distribution of electric service in Oregon 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.

Wells Fargo has agreed to grant the easement to PacifiCorp at no cost. Obtaining the Easement is in the public interest because it allows PacifiCorp to relocate existing facilities necessary to provide electric service and to meet its obligation to provide safe and reliable electric service. Without the Easement, PacifiCorp would not be able to meet its obligation to provide electric service. As the property owner, Wells Fargo is the only entity that can provide the Easement to PacifiCorp.

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Also included with this filing is a notarized verification from Richard Birch, Property Agent, regarding the Easement.

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

By email (preferred): datarequest@pacificorp.com

By regular mail: Data Request Response Center
PacifiCorp
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Please contact Ariel Son at (503) 813-5410 if you have any informal questions.

Sincerely,

 /s/
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Enclosures

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