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RE: Docket UE-20_____—Affiliated Interest Filing—PacifiCorp and BNSF Railway Company

Under the provisions of RCW 80.16.020 and in accordance with WAC 480-100-245, PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power & Light Company provides notice of an affiliated interest transaction with BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) for a wire line permit allowing PacifiCorp to upgrade an existing crossing to three-phase service across and/or along BNSF property in Douglas, Wyoming to serve a customer. A verified and fully executed copy of the Application for Pipeline or Wire Line Crossing and/or Longitudinal (Permit), 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.

BNSF uses standardized pricing for these types of permits. PacifiCorp will initially pay \$5,050 for the Permit, which includes an \$800 application fee and \$4,250 for expedited review of the application; however, this amount will be billed to and collected from the customer as part of their service request. Obtaining the Permit 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 permit, 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 Permit to PacifiCorp.

Also included with this filing is a notarized verification from Brogan O’Brien, Journeyman Estimator, regarding the Permit.

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

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Sincerely,

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