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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 (PacifiCorp), provides notice of an affiliated interest transaction with BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) for a License for Electric Supply Line Across or Along Railway Property (permit #19-64085) (License) allowing PacifiCorp to construct a new power line across and/or along BNSF property in Yakima County, Washington for PacifiCorp's Wapato Substation load-relief project. A verified copy of the proposed 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.

BNSF uses standardized pricing for these types of permits. PacifiCorp will pay a total of \$7,359 for the permit, which includes application fees, permit fee, and insurance. Obtaining the Permit is in the public interest because it allows PacifiCorp to install a new line for the Wapato Substation load-relief project. This project is necessary to prevent a circuit overload at PacifiCorp's Wapato Substation which would result in loss of power to approximately 5,600 customers in the Wapato area for an unacceptable length of time. Without the License, PacifiCorp cannot meet its obligation to provide safe and reliable 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 Scott Mease, 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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