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RE: Docket UE-22 _____—Affiliated Interest Filing—PacifiCorp and WGR Operating, LP.

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 WGR Operating, LP (WGR) to contract encroachment agreements and AC (interference) mitigation studies (collectively, the Agreements) pertinent to its Gateway South Project. Verified copies of the Agreements are included with this Notice as Attachment A, Attachment B, and Attachment C.

PacifiCorp is a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company. In turn, Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company is a direct subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. (Berkshire). WGR Operating, LP, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Western Midstream Partners, LP (WES). A majority interest in WES is held by the Occidental Petroleum Corporation in which Berkshire, currently has a 20.2 percent voting ownership interest. 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’s ownership of both Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company and Occidental Petroleum Corporation creates an affiliated interest relationship between their respective indirect subsidiaries PacifiCorp and WGR.

A midstream energy company, WGR together with its parent WES, is in the business of gathering, compressing, treating, processing, and transporting natural gas; gathering, stabilizing, and transporting condensate, natural gas liquids, and crude oil; and gathering and disposing of produced water. PacifiCorp is constructing a new 153-mile single-circuit 500/345 kV overhead transmission line beginning at a new 500/230 kilovolt Aeolus Substation near Medicine Bow, Wyoming, to a new 500/345 kilovolt Anticline Substation near PacifiCorp's Jim Bridger plant, approximately ten miles northeast of Rock Springs, Wyoming. The Agreements are needed to ensure PacifiCorp’s new transmission line, which is part of the Gateway South Project, is properly situated to minimize AC electrical interference (i.e., interactions between high-voltage power lines and pipelines) with WGR’s facilities along this utility corridor.

The Agreements between PacifiCorp and WGR, were prepared in accordance with PacifiCorp's procurement policies and procedures. PacifiCorp will pay WGR a total of \$1,667,746.73 for the Agreements. Entering into these Agreements ensures PacifiCorp's continued ability to provide safe and reliable service to its customers and minimize risk to WGR's pipeline operations, thus, the transaction is in the public interest. As owner of the pipeline assets, WGR is the sole source for the encroachment agreements and mitigation studies.

Also included with this filing is a verification regarding the Agreements from Neal Richmond, Rocky Mountain Power Transmission and Distribution Program Office.

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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