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**RE: Docket UE-\_\_\_\_\_—Affiliated Interest Filing—PacifiCorp and Kern River Gas  
Transmission 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 Kern River Gas Transmission Company (Kern River), for a Right of Way and Easement Grant (Easement) allowing PacifiCorp to construct, reconstruct, operate, maintain, relocate, enlarge, alter, and remove electric power lines, communication lines, and related equipment, including supporting towers and poles, guy anchors, conductors, wires, cables and other lines, and all other necessary or desirable equipment, accessories and appurtenances thereto on, over, and under the easement area on Kern River's land. The land is more particularly described and shown on the associated Exhibit A as is the easement area on the associated Exhibit B of the Easement. Verified copies of the Easement and exhibits are included with this filing as Attachment A. Also accompanying this filing is a verification from Daniel Forbes, an agent of PacifiCorp, regarding the Easement.

PacifiCorp is a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company (BHE). Kern River is also a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of BHE. 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, BHE's ownership interest in both entities creates an affiliated interest relationship between PacifiCorp and Kern River.

Kern River owns and operates an interstate natural gas transmission system extending from receipt points near Opal, Wyoming to delivery points in Utah, Nevada, and California. PacifiCorp is building a 40-mile double circuit 345-kilovolt transmission line from Limber to Terminal in Utah. The line's route will cross through Kern River's land. Securing access to this land is critical for completing the proposed route. The cost of this transaction is based on the anticipated rates for land in the area derived from commercial land valuations. PacifiCorp will pay \$1,497,000.00 for the perpetual Easement. Obtaining the Easement is in the public interest as it will increase capacity and improve system reliability thereby benefiting the electric grid in the region. Without the Easement, PacifiCorp cannot meet its obligation to continue to

