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Re: Docket UE-_____—Affiliated Interest Filing—PacifiCorp and RC Willey 5600 West LLC and RC Willey Home Furnishings

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 RC Willey 5600 West LLC and RC Willey Home Furnishings (collectively, RC Willey) for two Right of Way and Easement Grants (Easements) 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 areas on RC Willey's land. The land is more particularly described and shown on the associated Exhibit A as are the easement areas on the associated Exhibit B of each easement. Verified copies of the Easements 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 Easements.

PacifiCorp is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company (BHE). BHE is a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. RC Willey 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, the ownership interest of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc., in BHE and in RC Willey creates an affiliated interest relationship between PacifiCorp and RC Willey.

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 existing RC Willey land parcels. Securing access to these parcels 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 \$2,815,000.00 for the perpetual Easements. 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 Easements, PacifiCorp cannot meet its obligation to continue to provide safe and reliable electric service. As the property owner, RC Willey is the only entity that can provide the Easements to PacifiCorp.

