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Carole J. Washburn, Secretary WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION P.O. Box 42750 Olympia, WA 98504-2750

Re:

WUTC v. PacifiCorp

Docket No. UE-991832

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and 19 copies of the Joint Petition to Correct Third S upplemental Order. Also enclosed is a Certificate of Service.

Very truly yours,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE UE-991832

I certify this day copies of the foregoing Joint Petition to Correct Third Supplemental Order were sent via US Mail to the parties listed below.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, this 17th day of November, 2000.

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## BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	)
Complainant,	) DOCKET NO. UE-991832
V.	)
PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT,	) JOINT PETITION TO CORRECT ) THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER
Respondent.	) ) _)

Pursuant to WAC 480-09-815(2), Commission Staff and PacifiCorp jointly ask the Commission to correct its Third Supplemental Order Approving and Adopting Settlement Agreements (Order) issued August 9, 2000. Our request is limited solely to the Commission's acceptance of new depreciation rates as proposed by the Parties. The correction is necessary because of an error in the Parties' Comprehensive Stipulation which, therefore, was adopted inadvertently by the Commission in its Order.

Specifically, the Comprehensive Stipulation states that:

The Parties recommend that the Company's proposed depreciation rates, based on the updated depreciation study included in Exhibit 59 and as modified by Exhibit 61, be approved, effective April 1, 2000. (Order, Appendix B, page 4, item 5.)

The Commission's Order references that language at page 15, paragraph 40. The reference to Exhibit 59 in the Comprehensive Stipulation is, however, incorrect. The reference should, instead, be to Exhibit 60, which represents the depreciation rates for production, transmission, general, and mining plant from a Utah Stipulation that PacifiCorp recommended be

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adopted in Washington, with Staff's concurrence. (Tr. 798-799.) (Exhibit 59, in contrast, is a depreciation study that was initially filed by the Company, but never proposed for adoption.)

The depreciation rates for distribution plant referenced in Exhibit 61 and the Comprehensive Stipulation were not affected by this citation error.

Therefore, we request that the Commission correct or amend its Order at page 15, paragraph 40, to read as follows:

The Parties recommend that PacifiCorp's proposed depreciation rates, based on the updated depreciation study included in Exhibit 60, and modified by Exhibit 61, be approved effective April 1, 2000. This would effect certain changes in depreciation for various assets prospectively from that date.

Staff and PacifiCorp contacted the other Parties to the Comprehensive Stipulation to determine if they object to our Petition. Public Counsel and the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities responded that they do not object. The remaining Parties have not yet responded to our inquiry. Staff and PacifiCorp have no objection if the Commission provides the other Parties a formal opportunity to comment on our request before it determines whether to grant that request.

DATED this 1th day of November, 2000.

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