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**VIA FACSIMILE**

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**Re: PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company**  
**Docket No. UE-991832**

Dear Judge Moss:

This is to advise the Commission that the parties to this proceeding<sup>1</sup> have reached agreement on a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") regarding the pursuit of settlement negotiations to resolve the contested issues in the above docket, PacifiCorp's pending general rate filing. In order to accommodate these settlement negotiations, the Parties have agreed to request a modification of the procedural schedule. Included in the MOU is the following provision:

Upon execution of this MOU by the Parties, the Parties will make a joint request to the Commission for a continuance of approximately two weeks in the remaining procedural schedule in this proceeding. Testimony by Commission Staff shall be due on July 5 and testimony by Public Counsel and other intervenors shall be due on July 10. The Company's rebuttal testimony shall be due on July 28. Hearings for cross-examination of this remaining testimony shall be held no earlier than 3½ weeks after the filing of the Company's rebuttal testimony. In order to accommodate the revised procedural schedule, the Company agrees to extend the suspension period in this case for two weeks, or such longer period as may reasonably be necessary to accommodate the Commission's existing hearing schedule.

In accordance with the MOU, the Parties will engage in settlement discussions over the next several days in an attempt to resolve the contested issues. If these settlement discussions are successful, the Parties will present for the Commission's consideration a

<sup>1</sup> PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light ("the Company"), Commission Staff, Public Counsel, Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities ("ICNU"), NW Energy Coalition and the Energy Project (collectively, the "Parties").

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Stipulation that, if accepted by the Commission, may make the remaining procedural schedule unnecessary. Because these settlement discussions may not result in a Stipulation, however, the Parties request that the Commission establish a revised procedural schedule that will enable the contested issues in the case to be litigated.

Accordingly, the Parties hereby request that the Commission grant a continuance of the existing procedural schedule to accommodate the following testimony pre-filing dates:

July 5	Staff testimony
July 10	Public Counsel, Intervenor testimony
July 28	Company rebuttal testimony

In addition, the hearing dates scheduled for July 31 - August 4 are no longer necessary, and need not be reserved for this proceeding. It is the Parties' understanding that the next hearing dates that would be available for evidentiary hearings in this proceeding are September 5 - 8. The Parties request that these dates be reserved in the event the issues in the case are litigated rather than settled. The Parties further propose that under such a schedule, briefs would be due October 6.

Given the above schedule, a one-month extension of the suspension period would be necessary in the event the litigation schedule is followed in this case. In accordance with the MOU, the Company agrees to extend the suspension period in this proceeding by one month, from November 1, 2000 to December 1, 2000, in the event a Stipulation is not reached and the issues in the case are litigated rather than settled.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

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