MEHC Acquisition of PacifiCorp Oregon Docket No. UM-1209

Consolidated List of Commitments

Commitments Applicable to All States:

- 1) MEHC and PacifiCorp affirm the continuation (through March 31, 2008) of the existing customer service guarantees and performance standards in each jurisdiction. MEHC and PacifiCorp will not propose modifications to the guarantees and standards prior to March 31, 2008. Refer to Commitment 45 for the extension of this commitment through 2011.
- Penalties for noncompliance with performance standards and customer guarantees shall be paid as designated by the Commission and shall be excluded from results of operations. PacifiCorp will abide by the Commission's decision regarding payments.
- PacifiCorp will maintain its own accounting system, separate from MEHC's accounting system. All PacifiCorp financial books and records will be kept in Portland, Oregon. PacifiCorp's financial books and records and state and federal utility regulatory filings and documents will continue to be available to the Commission, upon request, at PacifiCorp's offices in Portland, Oregon, Salt Lake City, Utah, and elsewhere in accordance with current practice.
- 4) MEHC and PacifiCorp will provide the Commission access to all books of account, as well as all documents, data, and records of their affiliated interests, which pertain to transactions between PacifiCorp and its affiliated interests or which are otherwise relevant to the business of PacifiCorp. This commitment is also applicable to the books and records of Berkshire Hathaway, which shall retain its books and records relevant to the business of PacifiCorp consistent with the manner and time periods of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's record retention requirements that are applicable to PacifiCorp's books and records.
- 5) MEHC, PacifiCorp and all affiliates will make their employees, officers, directors, and agents available to testify before the Commission to provide information relevant to matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- The Commission or its agents may audit the accounting records of MEHC and its subsidiaries that are the bases for charges to PacifiCorp, to determine the reasonableness of allocation factors used by MEHC to assign costs to PacifiCorp and amounts subject to allocation or direct charges. MEHC agrees to cooperate fully with such Commission audits.

- When acquiring new generation resources in excess of 100 MW and with a dependable life of 10 or more years, PacifiCorp and MEHC will issue Requests for Proposals (RFPs) or otherwise comply with state laws, regulations and orders that pertain to procurement of new generation resources for PacifiCorp.
- Nothing in these acquisition commitments shall be interpreted as a waiver of PacifiCorp's or MEHC's rights to request confidential treatment for information that is the subject of any commitments.
- [This Commitment number has intentionally been left blank. Oregon-specific Commitment O 1 substitutes for this Commitment 33.]
- MEHC and PacifiCorp have identified transmission projects that MEHC and PacifiCorp believe will enhance reliability, facilitate the receipt of renewable resources, or enable further system optimization. Subject to permitting and the availability of materials, equipment and rights-of-way, MEHC and PacifiCorp commit to use their best efforts to achieve the following transmission system infrastructure improvements¹:
 - a) Path C Upgrade (~\$78 million) Increase Path C capacity by 300 MW (from S.E. Idaho to Northern Utah). The target completion date for this project is 2010. MEHC and PacifiCorp assert that this project:
 - enhances reliability because it increases transfer capability between the east and west control areas,
 - facilitates the delivery of power from wind projects in Idaho, and
 - provides PacifiCorp with greater flexibility and the opportunity to consider additional options regarding planned generation capacity additions.
 - b) Mona Oquirrh (~\$196 million) Increase the import capability from Mona into the Wasatch Front (from Wasatch Front South to Wasatch Front North). This project would enhance the ability to import power from new resources delivered at or to Mona, and to import from Southern California by "wheeling" over the Adelanto DC tie. The target completion date for this project is 2011. MEHC and PacifiCorp assert that this project:
 - enhances reliability by enabling the import of power from Southern California entities during emergency situations,
 - facilitates the acceptance of renewable resources, and
 - enhances further system optimization since it enables the further purchase or exchange of seasonal resources from parties capable of delivering to Mona.

¹ It is possible that upon further review a particular investment might not be cost-effective, optimal for customers or able to be completed by the target date. If that should occur, MEHC pledges to propose an alternative to the Commission with a comparable benefit.

- c) Walla Walla Yakima or Mid-C (~\$88 million) Establish a link between the "Walla Walla bubble" and the "Yakima bubble" and/or reinforce the link between the "Walla Walla bubble" and the Mid-Columbia (at Vantage). MEHC and PacifiCorp assert that either of these projects presents opportunities to enhance PacifiCorp's ability to accept the output from wind generators and balance the system cost effectively in a regional environment. The target completion date for this project is 2010.
- 35) MEHC and PacifiCorp make the following commitments to improve system reliability:
 - a) investment in the Asset Risk Program of \$75 million over the three years, 2007-2009.
 - b) investment in local transmission risk projects across all states of \$69 million over eight years after the close of the transaction,
 - c) O & M expense for the Accelerated Distribution Circuit Fusing Program across all states will be increased by \$1.5 million per year for five years after the close of the transaction, and
 - d) extension of the O&M investment across all states for the Saving SAIDI Initiative for three additional years at an estimated cost of \$2 million per year.
 - e) MEHC and PacifiCorp will support the Bonneville Power Administration in its development of short-term products such as conditional firm. No less than three months following the close of the transaction, PacifiCorp will initiate a process to collaboratively design similar short-term transmission products and will include stakeholders in this process. PacifiCorp will make every reasonable effort to complete a product by the end of 2008.
 - f) PacifiCorp will continue to offer its Partial Interim Service product, and will make commercially reasonable efforts to offer transmission customers as much firm service as the Company's transmission studies show is available, including weeks within a month. PacifiCorp will also continue its OATT tariff provision that allows transmission customers to alter pre-scheduled transactions up to 20 minutes before the hour as long as such provision is consistent with established scheduling practices and does not jeopardize system reliability. PacifiCorp will notify parties to this proceeding if it proposes changes to these two elements of its OATT.
- MEHC recognizes that it can and should have a role in addressing the critical importance of transmission infrastructure to the states in which PacifiCorp serves.

 MEHC also recognizes that some transmission projects, while highly desirable, may not be appropriate investments for PacifiCorp and its regulated customers.

Therefore, MEHC commits its resources and leadership to assist PacifiCorp states in the development of transmission projects upon which the states can agree. Examples of such projects would be RMATS and the proposed Frontier transmission line.

- 37) [This Commitment number has intentionally been left blank. Commitment 37 is not available if a state selects Oregon-specific Commitment O 14.]
- [This Commitment number has intentionally been left blank. Commitment 38 is not available if a state selects Oregon-specific Commitments O 9 and O 11.]
- In Commitment 31, MEHC and PacifiCorp adopt a commitment to source future 39) PacifiCorp generation resources consistent with the then current rules and regulations of each state. In addition to that commitment, for the next ten years, MEHC and PacifiCorp commit that they will submit as part of any commission approved RFPs for resources with a dependable life greater than 10 years and greater than 100 MW, --including renewable energy RFPs -- a 100 MW or more utility "own/operate" alternative for the particular resource. It is not the intent or objective that such alternatives be favored over other options. Rather, the option for PacifiCorp to own and operate the resource which is the subject of the RFP will enable comparison and evaluation of that option against other viable alternatives. In addition to providing regulators and interested parties with an additional viable option for assessment, it can be expected that this commitment will enhance PacifiCorp's ability to increase the proportion of cost-effective renewable energy in its generation portfolio, based upon the actual experience of MEC and the "Renewable Energy" commitment offered below.
- MEHC reaffirms PacifiCorp's commitment to acquire 1400 MW of new cost-effective renewable resources, representing approximately 7% of PacifiCorp's load. MEHC and PacifiCorp commit to work with developers and bidders to bring at least 100 MW of cost-effective wind resources in service within one year of the close of the transaction.

MEHC and PacifiCorp expect that the commitment to build the Walla-Walla and Path C transmission lines will facilitate up to 400 MW of renewable resource projects with an expected in-service date of 2010. MEHC and PacifiCorp commit to actively work with developers to identify other transmission improvements that can facilitate the delivery of cost-effective wind energy in PacifiCorp's service area.

In addition, MEHC and PacifiCorp commit to work constructively with states to implement renewable energy action plans so as to enable PacifiCorp to achieve at least 1400 MW of cost-effective renewable energy resources by 2015. Such renewable energy resources are not limited to wind energy resources.

- 41) MEHC supports and affirms PacifiCorp's commitment to consider utilization of advanced coal-fuel technology such as super-critical or IGCC technology when adding coal-fueled generation.
- 42) a) MEHC and PacifiCorp commit to participate in the Environmental Protection Agency's SF₆ Emission Reduction Partnership for Electric Power Systems. Sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆) is a highly potent greenhouse gas used in the electric industry for insulation and current interruption in electric transmission and distribution equipment. MEHC and PacifiCorp represent that over a 100-year period, SF₆ is 23,900 times more effective at trapping infrared radiation than an equivalent amount of CO₂, making it the most highly potent, known greenhouse gas. SF₆ is also a very stable chemical, with an atmospheric lifetime of 3,200 years. As the gas is emitted, it accumulates in the atmosphere in an essentially un-degraded state for many centuries. Thus, a relatively small amount of SF₆ can have a significant impact on global climate change. Through its participation in the SF₆ partnership, PacifiCorp will commit to an appropriate SF₆ emissions reduction goal and annually report its estimated SF₆ emissions. MEHC and PacifiCorp represent that this not only reduces greenhouse gas emissions, it saves money and improves grid reliability. Since 1999, EPA's SF₆ partner companies have saved \$2.5 million from the avoided gas loss alone. Use of improved SF_6 equipment and management practices helps protect system reliability and efficiency.
 - b) Within six months after close of the transaction, MEHC and PacifiCorp commit that PacifiCorp will establish a global warming working group composed of representatives of the regulatory, consumer, educational and environmental communities in the six states that PacifiCorp serves, as well as representatives of PacifiCorp and MEHC. PacifiCorp will work with the global warming working group to identify cost-effective measures to reduce PacifiCorp's greenhouse emissions. PacifiCorp will develop and file with the Commission its strategy, which MEHC supports, for reducing its greenhouse gas emissions.
- Working with the affected generation plant joint owners and with regulators to 43) obtain required approvals, MEHC and PacifiCorp commit to install, to the extent cost effective, the equipment likely to be necessary under future emissions control scenarios at a cost of approximately \$812 million. Concurrent with any application for an air permit, MEHC and PacifiCorp will discuss its plans regarding this commitment with interested parties and solicit input. While additional expenditures may ultimately be required as future emission reduction requirements become better defined, MEHC believes these investments in emission control equipment are reasonable and environmentally beneficial. The execution of an emissions reduction plan for the existing PacifiCorp coal-fueled facilities, combined with the use of reduced-emissions coal technology for new coal-fueled generation, is expected to result in a significant decrease in the emissions rate of PacifiCorp's coal-fueled generation fleet. MEHC represents that the investments to which MEHC is committing are expected to result in a decrease in the SO₂ emissions rates of more than 50%, a decrease in the NO_x

- presence in each state, consistent with the provision of safe and reliable service and cost-effective operations.
- PacifiCorp will provide public notice and an invitation to encourage stakeholders to participate in the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) process. The IRP process will be used to consider Commitments 34, 39, 40, 41, 44, 52 and 53. PacifiCorp will hold IRP meetings at locations or using communications technologies that encourage broad participation.
- By June 1, 2007 and each June 1 thereafter through June 1, 2011, PacifiCorp will file a report with the Commission regarding the implementation of the Commitments. The report will, at a minimum, provide a description of the performance of each of the commitments that have quantifiable results. If any of the commitments is not being met, relative to the specific terms of the commitment, the report shall provide proposed corrective measures and target dates for completion of such measures. PacifiCorp will make publicly available at the Commission non-confidential portions of the report.
- PacifiCorp will maintain its current pension funding policy, as described in the 2005 Actuarial Report, for a period of two years following the close of the transaction.
- 51) Subject to, and in consideration for, dismissal of all existing proceedings and no commencement of any future state regulatory proceeding against PacifiCorp involving or arising from the SEC PUHCA Audit Report of Scottish Power dated May 11, 2004, MEHC will contribute to PacifiCorp, at no cost to PacifiCorp, MEHC's stock ownership in the Intermountain Geothermal Company and the associated steam rights (approximately 70% of the total rights) to the steam resources serving PacifiCorp's Blundell geothermal plant and terminate MEHC's and Intermountain Geothermal Company's rights and obligations under the contracts. MEHC will assist PacifiCorp in determining the cost-effectiveness of acquiring the remaining 30% of the rights. No more than six months after the close of the transaction, MEHC will provide parties a clear and complete disclosure statement that details any potential liabilities and risks, identified by or for MEHC, associated with the ownership rights of MEHC in Intermountain Geothermal. MEHC also commits that PacifiCorp customers will not be harmed from the contribution to PacifiCorp of the Intermountain Geothermal steam resources and stock.
- Upon closing, MEHC and PacifiCorp commit to immediately evaluate increasing the generation capacity of the Blundell geothermal facility by the amount determined to be cost-effective. Such evaluation shall be summarized in a report and filed with the Commission concurrent with the filing of PacifiCorp's next IRP. This incremental amount is expected to be at least 11 MW and may be as much as 100 MW. All cost effective increases in Blundell capacity, completed before January 1, 2015, should be counted toward satisfaction of PacifiCorp's

- 1400 MW renewable energy goal, in an amount equal to the capacity of geothermal energy actually added at the plant.
- MEHC or PacifiCorp commit to commence as soon as practical after close of the transaction a system impact study to examine the feasibility of constructing transmission facilities from the Jim Bridger generating facilities to Miners, Wyoming. Upon receipt of the results of the system impact study, MEHC or PacifiCorp will review and discuss with stakeholders the desirability and economic feasibility of performing a subsequent facilities study for the Bridger to Miners 500 kV transmission project.

Oregon-Specific Commitments:

- O 1.a) If the Commission believes that MEHC and/or PacifiCorp have violated any of the commitments of the stipulation, or any conditions imposed by the Commission in its final order approving the Application (collectively, the "Conditions"), then the Commission shall give MEHC and PacifiCorp written notice of the violation.
 - i) If the violation is for failure to file any notice or report required by the Conditions, and if MEHC or PacifiCorp, or both provide the notice or report to the Commission within ten business days of the receipt of the written notice, then the Commission shall take no action. MEHC or PacifiCorp may request, for cause, permission for extension of the ten-day period. For any other violation of the Conditions, the Commission must give MEHC and PacifiCorp written notice of the violation. If such failure is corrected within five business days of the written notice, then the Commission shall take no action. MEHC or PacifiCorp may request, for cause, permission for extension of the five-day period.
 - ii) If MEHC or PacifiCorp, or both, fail to file a notice or written report within the time permitted in subparagraph a. above, or if MEHC or PacifiCorp, or both, fail to cure, within the time permitted above, a violation that does not relate to the filing of a notice or report, then the Commission may open an investigation, with an opportunity for MEHC or PacifiCorp, or both, to request a hearing, to determine the number and seriousness of the violations. If the Commission determines after the investigation and hearing (if requested) that MEHC or PacifiCorp, or both, violated one or more of the Conditions, then the Commission shall issue an Order stating the level of penalty it will seek. MEHC or PacifiCorp, or both, as appropriate, may appeal such an order under ORS 756.580. If the Commission's order is upheld on appeal, and the order imposes penalties under a statute that further requires the Commission to file a complaint in court, then the Commission may file a complaint in the appropriate court seeking the penalties specified in the order, and MEHC or PacifiCorp, or both, shall file a responsive pleading agreeing to

- lower by S & P or Fitch (or Baa3 or lower by Moody's), as indicated by two of the three rating agencies.
- O 19. MEHC and PacifiCorp commit to support renewal of the 3% public purpose charge under ORS 757.612 beyond 2011, provided that the Commission supports the renewal, the report to the legislature required under ORS 757.617 concludes that the Energy Trust continues to operate in a reasonable manner, and the legislation renewing the 3% public purpose charge is not included in a bill that MEHC and PacifiCorp otherwise deem objectionable. Additionally, with respect to potential modifications to the 3% public purpose charge arising from the 2007 report to the legislature required under ORS 757.617, MEHC and PacifiCorp agree to oppose any modifications that reduce the public purpose charge to less than 3% annually. In addition, provided the report to the legislature concludes the Energy Trust has operated in a reasonable manner and the Commission renews its contract with the Energy Trust, MEHC and PacifiCorp will support the Energy Trust.
- O 20. MEHC and PacifiCorp acknowledge that the \$10 million low-income bill payment assistance under ORS 757.612 does not expire in 2011. MEHC and PacifiCorp will oppose any reduction in the current amount of the fund.
- O 21. MEHC commits to provide shareholder funding to hire a consultant to study and design for possible implementation of an arrearage management project for lowincome customers that could be made applicable to Oregon and other states that PacifiCorp serves. PacifiCorp will provide a resource for facilitation of a working group to oversee the project. The study shall commence no later than 180 days after close of the transaction and be completed, through the issuance of a formal report to the Commission, no later than 365 days after close of the transaction. MEHC recognizes that such a program may have to be tailored to best fit the unique low-income environment of each individual state. The project will be developed by PacifiCorp in conjunction with the relevant regulatory and governmental agencies, low-income advocates, and other interested parties in each state that is interested in participating. The goals for the project will include reducing service terminations, reducing referral of delinquent customers to third party collection agencies, reducing collection litigation and reducing arrearages and increasing voluntary customer payments of arrearages. The costs of this study will be at least \$66,000 on a total company basis paid for by shareholders. If less than six states participate, the amount of the shareholder funds will be reduced proportionally.
- O 22. MEHC and PacifiCorp commit to a total contribution level for Oregon low-income bill payment assistance in the amount of \$400,000 annually, for a five-year period beginning July 1, 2006. The contributions may be comprised of contributions from corporate, employee, other sources, and customer donations. The corporate contribution will be recorded in non-utility accounts. Before the

- end of the five-year period, MEHC and PacifiCorp commit to work with low-income advocates and customer groups to evaluate additional contributions.
- O 23. MEHC and PacifiCorp agree to include representatives of both Community Action Directors of Oregon and Oregon Energy Coordinators Association in the list of interested parties participating in the DSM study under Commitment 44.
- O 24. MEHC and PacifiCorp acknowledge current city franchise authority including but not limited to a city's authority to control the use of its rights of way and collect charges for the use of the city's rights of way, as set forth and authorized by applicable Oregon law. Before any efforts to seek a legislative or regulatory change, MEHC and PacifiCorp will enter into discussions with the League of Oregon Cities regarding said modifications.
- O 25. To the extent available, MEHC and PacifiCorp commit to have 400 MW of cost effective new renewable resources in PacifiCorp's generation portfolio by December 31, 2007. The 400 MW will include Wolverine Creek (64.5 MW) and Cove Fort (42 MW). MEHC and PacifiCorp will analyze the projects consistent with applicable regulatory rules and orders in effect at the time and as informed by the IRP. Resource identification shall be performed using an RFP procedure. If PacifiCorp fails to meet this 400 MW target it will disclose to signatories (excluding any bidders and affiliates of bidders) the cost-effectiveness analysis it used when rejecting the lowest cost projects. PacifiCorp shall file a report, on the status of meeting this target, with the Commission no later than six months after close of the transaction. In evaluating acquisition of renewable energy, all other things being equal, MEHC and PacifiCorp will not prefer ownership of facilities.
- O 26.a) Concurrent with its next IRP filing, PacifiCorp commits to file a ten-year plan for achieving the 1400 MW renewables target, including specific milestones over the ten years when resources will be added. The filing will include a ten-year plan for installing transmission that will facilitate the delivery of renewable energy and the achievement of its 2015 goal of at least 1400 MW of cost-effective renewable energy. Within six (6) months after the close of the transaction, MEHC and PacifiCorp will file with the Commission a preliminary plan for achieving the 1400 MW renewable target.
 - b) PacifiCorp commits to address as part of its next IRP the appropriate role of incremental hydropower projects in meeting the 1400 MW renewables target.
- O 27. MEHC and PacifiCorp will support cost effective and safe community renewable energy projects in Oregon using PURPA contracts implemented under avoided cost tariffs approved by the Commission. If PURPA is no longer in effect in Oregon before an alternate market for community renewable energy is developed, PacifiCorp will work with Oregon stakeholders and the Commission to develop replacement procedures for new contracts. For the purpose of this Commitment, community renewable energy projects are defined as: Locally owned renewable