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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO REPLY TO
STAFF'S OPPOSITION TO NVEC'S LATE-FILED PETITION TO
INTERVENTION
(Replies Due By January 29, 2016)**

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Pacific Power & Light Company*, Docket UE-152253

TO ALL PARTIES:

On November 25, 2015, Pacific Power & Light Company (Pacific Power or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-75. The Company seeks authority to increase charges and rates for electric service in a two-year rate plan. Pacific Power's rate filing would increase electric rates by approximately \$10 million, or 2.99 percent, effective May 1, 2016. The Company requests a second year increase in the multi-year rate plan of approximately \$10.3 million, or 2.99 percent, effective May 1, 2017. Pacific Power has also filed a proposed decoupling mechanism which includes a request to record accounting entries associated with the mechanism. The Company seeks expedited treatment of its requests.

On January 14, 2016, NW Energy Coalition (NVEC) filed a Petition to Intervene (Petition) in this docket.¹ NVEC states that it "uses the breadth, depth, and diversity of its membership organizations to provide technical and policy leadership on energy issues in this region, and seeks to promote the development of renewable energy, energy conservation, and affordable energy."² According to NVEC, "the proposed revenue requirement increase will have an impact on customers, particularly low income customers, the expected useful life of a fossil burning generator, Jim Bridger, potentially delay the transition to clean fuel renewables, and

¹ NVEC states in its Petition that it will not be represented by council; not "the" council or even counsel. The Commission is uncertain what council NVEC is referring to.

² NVEC's Petition, ¶ 3.

have some impact on the promotion of energy efficiency measures, topics for which [NWECC] has unique expertise and knowledge.”³

On January 21, 2016, the Commission’s regulatory staff (Staff) filed its Opposition to NWECC’s Late-Filed Petition to Intervene (Opposition). Staff asserts that the Commission’s regulation, WAC 480-07-355(1)(b), provides for granting “late-filed petitions to intervene only on a showing of good cause, including a satisfactory explanation of why the person did not timely file a petition.”⁴ Staff also contends that “[t]he issues in which NWECC has expressed an interest will be addressed by not only the Energy Project but also Public Counsel and Staff,”⁵ and “the delay in the transition to clean fuel renewables and the promotion of energy efficiency measures may be more appropriately addressed in other dockets and appear to already be within the purview of an existing party, the Sierra Club.”⁶

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That parties who wish to reply to Staff’s Opposition to NWECC’s Late-Filed Petition to Intervene must do so by 3:00 p.m., Friday, January 29, 2016.

MARGUERITE E. FRIEDLANDER
Administrative Law Judge

³ *Id.*, ¶ 6.

⁴ Staff’s Opposition, ¶ 3 (citing WAC 480-07-355(1)(b)).

⁵ *Id.*, ¶ 6.

⁶ *Id.*