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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.  
P.O. Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504‑7250

Attention: David W. Danner  
 Executive Secretary

**RE: Affiliated Interest Filing for PacifiCorp**

Dear Mr. Danner:

Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 80.16.020 and WAC 480-100-245, PacifiCorp, d.b.a. Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp or Company), files one verified copy of the License for Electric Supply Line Across or Along Railway Property (License) between PacifiCorp, and BNSF Railway Company (BNSF), Contract No. 11-3013, a copy of which is included as Attachment A. PacifiCorp is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company (MEHC). MEHC is a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. BNSF is also a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. RCW 80.16.020 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, Berkshire Hathaway, Inc.’s ownership interest in MEHC and BNSF creates an affiliated interest.

The License allows the Company to construct, maintain and use facilities for electric service across and along certain BNSF property at or near BNSF’s station of Parker in Yakima County, Washington. These facilities are necessary to provide new service to a customer and BNSF’s property must be used to provide that service. The new facilities will be constructed along the side of railroad tracks to connect a billboard. The term of the license will be 25 years. Without the License, the Company’s ability to provide adequate, safe and reliable service to its customers would be diminished.

The Company will pay a $2,500 fee to BNSF for the License. BNSF offers two types of licenses for use of BNSF railroad property. The first type allows for the crossing of BNSF railroad tracks. BNSF charges a set fee for this type of license. The second type allows for the use of BNSF property running alongside railroad tracks. BNSF uses a standard formula for calculating the fee for this type of license. Because the License

covers Company facilities that running alongside BNSF railroad tracks, the formula fee applies. This is BNSF’s standard practice for developing the fee for all licenses of this type. Additionally, the Company will pay a total of $600.00 as a processing fee for the License application. Additionally, the Company will pay a fee of $400 for Railroad Protective Liability Insurance, which is required by BNSF. These are the standard rates and fees BNSF charges for applications of this type.

Obtaining the License is in the public interest because it allows the Company to construct facilities necessary to provide electric service and to meet its obligation to provide safe and reliable electric service. The Company will be constructing new facilities to extend service to a customer. Not having the License would require the Company to redesign or relocate its facilities, adding considerable expense to the cost of providing electric service. As the property owner, BNSF is the only entity that can provide this License to the Company.

Also included with this filing is a notarized verification from Natalie L. Hocken, Vice President & General Counsel, Pacific Power, regarding the License.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Andrea L. Kelly

Vice President, Regulation

Pacific Power

Enclosures

**WASHINGTON AFFILIATED INTEREST FILING**

**LICENSE FOR ELECTRIC SUPPLY LINE ACROSS OR ALONG RAILWAY PROPERTY**

**ATTACHMENT A**

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**VERIFICATION**

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I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, am legal counsel PacifiCorp and am authorized to make this verification on its behalf. Based on my personal knowledge about the attached License for Electric Supply Line Across or Along Railway Property, I verify that the License for Electric Supply Line Across or Along Railway Property is a true and accurate copy of the original.

I declare upon the penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_, 2011 at Portland, Oregon.

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Michelle R. Mishoe

Legal Counsel

Subscribed and sworn to me on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_