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RE: Docket UE-21 _____—Affiliated Interest Filing—PacifiCorp and BNSF Railway Company

Under the provisions of RCW 80.16.020 and in accordance with WAC 480-100-245, PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp), provides notice of an affiliated interest transaction with BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) for two “License for Electric Supply Line Across or Along Railway Property” permits (collectively, the Licenses).

Permit #20-67039 will allow PacifiCorp to construct and maintain an electric supply line containing a maximum of four (4) conductors, together with its supporting or containing structures across or along BNSF’s rail corridor at or near the station of Klamath Falls, County of Klamath, State of Oregon, Line Segment 0639, Mile Post 1.55. Whereas Permit #20-67043 will allow PacifiCorp to construct and maintain an electric supply line containing a maximum of three (3) conductors, together with its supporting or containing structures across or along BNSF’s rail corridor at or near the station of Klamath Falls, County of Klamath, State of Oregon, Line Segment 0640, Mile Post 0.97. A verified copy of each proposed permit is included with this Notice as Attachment A and Attachment B respectively. Also included with this filing is a verification from Imogen Taylor, Senior Property Agent, regarding the Licenses.

PacifiCorp is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company (BHE). BHE is a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. BNSF is also a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. RCW 80.16.010 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, the ownership interest of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc., in BHE and in BNSF creates an affiliated interest relationship between PacifiCorp and BNSF.

BNSF uses standardized pricing for these types of permits. PacifiCorp will pay a total of \$18,532 for the Licenses, which include application fees, permit fees, and insurance. Obtaining the Licenses is in the public interest because it allows PacifiCorp to reconductor line facilities at or near the Klamath Falls station. This work is necessary to prevent a circuit overload, which would result in loss of power to PacifiCorp’s customers in the Klamath County area for an unacceptable length of time. Without the Licenses, PacifiCorp cannot meet its obligation to provide safe and reliable electric service. As the property owner, BNSF is the only entity that can provide the Licenses to PacifiCorp.

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Sincerely,

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