

Exhibit No. ____ (JLB-6)
Docket UE-152253
Witness: Jason L. Ball

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT
COMPANY,

Respondent.

DOCKET UE-152253

EXHIBIT TO
TESTIMONY OF

JASON L. BALL

STAFF OF
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

*Selections from Attachment WUTC 102-1 to Company
Response to Staff Data Request 102*

March 17, 2016

WUTC Data Request 2

Please provide the transmission path(s) that the company uses under normal operating circumstances to move power from the Jim Bridger plant to serve loads in the Pacific Northwest. If the proposed joint ownership & operating agreement would change the path(s) that the Company uses to move power from Jim Bridger to the Pacific Northwest, please explain.

Response to WUTC Data Request 2

PacifiCorp uses the following Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) transmission paths under normal operational circumstances to move power from the Jim Bridger plant to the Pacific Northwest:

- Bridger West (WECC Path 19)
- Borah West (WECC Path 17)
- Idaho to the Northwest (WECC Path 14)
- Hemingway – Summer Lake (WECC Path 75, a subset of Path 14)

There will be no change in paths used to move power from Jim Bridger to the Pacific Northwest with the approval of the proposed Joint Ownership and Operating Agreement.

PREPARER: Robyn Kara

SPONSOR: Rick Vail

WUTC Data Request 7

Please provide a GRID run for the West Control Area indicating what power costs and modeled dispatch would be for the west balancing area if the transmission limitations on the Bridger system are relaxed as explained on page 2, lines 9-11 of Mr. Duvall's testimony (i.e., the company gains the ability to dispatch any generation resource across the Bridger lines). Please include any modeled transfers between the west and east balancing areas, including date, time, size, source and destination.

Response to WUTC Data Request 7

The Company has not performed the requested study. However, there would be no changes in modeled transfers in a West Control Area (WCA) Generation and Regulation Initiative Decision Tool (GRID) study because none of the resources in PacifiCorp's east balancing authority area (BAA) are included in the WCA methodology and therefore are not available for transfer under the currently approved WCA methodology.

PREPARER: Greg Duvall

SPONSOR: Greg Duvall

WUTC Data Request 8

Please provide additional detail regarding the statement on page 2, lines 21-22 of Mr. Duvall's testimony that this transaction, if approved, would be "financially neutral to retail customers." Specifically, please detail how the company anticipates that this transaction would affect retail rates for Washington customers.

Response to WUTC Data Request 8

- Over time, customers will realize a number of benefits that are not easily isolated for quantification at this time. The new agreements meet current regulatory requirements. Modernization of the agreements, including firm transmission service provided under each party's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT), will provide the ability to effectively and efficiently operate transmission facilities and ensure continued compliance with evolving reliability standards. Similar joint ownership and operation and maintenance agreements have been accepted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) as meeting regulatory requirements (i.e., FERC Docket ER10-1217, Populus Joint Ownership and Operating Agreement (JOOA)). OATT-based transactions will add flexibility and transparency, allowing for more efficient use of the assets and will facilitate the development of new markets, such as the energy imbalance market.

The asset exchange allows for future cost-sharing opportunities. The JOOA allows for cost sharing for future upgrades on jointly owned transmission facilities resulting in a strong foundation to address future opportunities between the Parties based on mutual interest or need, including the potential participation in future joint projects, thereby reducing overall project costs to customers.

- The asset exchange and JOOA eliminate complex, outdated Legacy Agreements. The new arrangements under the JOOA and requested OATT service are transparent and consistent with transmission service under the OATT. OATT transmission service provides valuable reassignment, redirect and rollover rights.

Near-term potential rate impacts include a reduction of Washington-allocated assets of approximately \$175k and an increase in Washington-allocated net power costs of approximately \$750k. These amounts, however, would vary depending on the particular test period used for rate making purposes and do not reflect certain benefits that are not isolated for quantification at this time, as discussed above. The Company is not seeking ratemaking changes at this time. The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission will be able to review any

effect on retail rates during a general rate case proceeding.

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