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Mark L. Johnson Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 621 Woodland Square Loop SE Lacey, Washington 98503-1036

RE: Docket UE-20_____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 a License for Electric Supply Line Across or Along Railway Property (Permit #20-65255) (License) allowing PacifiCorp to construct and maintain an electric supply line containing a maximum of four (4) conductors, together with the line's supporting or containing structures, across or along BNSF's rail corridor at or near the station of Bend, County of Deschutes, State of Oregon, Line Segment 53, Mile Post 147.54. A verified copy of the proposed License, is included with this Notice as <u>Attachment A</u>. Also included with this filing is a verification from Andrew J. Whitehead, Property Agent, regarding the License.

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 \$54,956.00 for the permit, which includes application fees, permit fee, and insurance. Obtaining the License is in the public interest because it allows PacifiCorp to install new line facilities at or near the Bend station. This work is necessary to prevent a circuit overload, which would result in loss of power to PacifiCorp's customers in the Deschutes County area for an unacceptable length of time. Without the License, 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 License to PacifiCorp.

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It is respectfully requested that all formal correspondence and Staff requests regarding this material be addressed to:

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Please contact Ariel Son at (503) 813-5410 if you have any informal questions.

Sincerely,

/s/

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