

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF
RESPONSE TO DATA REQUEST
COMPANY-CONFIDENTIAL PER PROTECTIVE ORDER

DATE PREPARED: February 4, 2020
DOCKET: UE-190882
REQUESTER: PacifiCorp

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Staff's reference to future costly outages and fuel risk relate to Westmoreland's entry into Area F, Colstrip's use of Powder River Basin coal (Talen MT did not sign the new coal agreement) and the use of Tinnium pre-combustion additives, all of which carry unknown and unquantified risks of future costly outages. Staff has concerns about variations in fuel supply—especially variations that occur just prior to official PM testing. In Pacific Power's current GRC, the costs of the new Westmoreland contract are included in the calculation of rate year power costs, but the Company failed to include testimony and exhibits relating to the new coal supply agreement—including what Areas of the Rosebud mine this coal is coming from.