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Under the provisions of RCW 80.16.020 and in accordance with WAC 480-100-245, PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp or Company), provides notice of an affiliated interest transaction and BNSF RailwayCompany (BNSF) for a License for Electric Supply Line Acrossor Along Railway Property (Permit #23W-18716) (License) allowing PacifiCorp to construct and maintain an electric supply line containing a maximum of three existing conductors, together with its supporting or containing structures across or along BNSF's rail corridor at or near the station of Pasco, County of Franklin, State of Washington, Line Segment 0046, Mile Post 146.24. 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 Scott Mease, 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 BerkshireHathaway, 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 companyor 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 \$6,400 for the 25-year License, which includes the application fee, permit fee, and insurance. Obtaining the License is in the public interest because it allows PacifiCorp to work on facilities at or near the Pasco station. Specifically, the Company requires the License to complete a pole replacement and overhead line realignment project near the Pasco station. 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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Sincerely,

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