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RE: Docket UE-20_____—Affiliated Interest Filing—PacifiCorp and Parts & Service Solutions

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 Parts & Service Solutions to purchase protective masks necessary for its coronavirus preparedness efforts. The purchase of the protective masks will occur via two purchase orders, the terms of which include PacifiCorp’s Purchase Order Standard Terms and Conditions (Agreement). PacifiCorp provides the Agreement associated with this transaction as confidential in accordance with WAC 480-07-160. The Agreement contains sensitive pricing information which, if disclosed to the public, could erode the company’s bargaining power in the future. A copy of the Agreement is included as Confidential Attachment A.

PacifiCorp is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company (BHE). BHE is a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. Parts & Service Solutions is a subsidiary of Pilot Co (Pilot Flying J), which is a Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. company. 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, Berkshire Hathaway, Inc.’s ownership interest in BHE and Parts & Service Solutions creates an affiliated interest relationship between the PacifiCorp and Parts & Service Solutions.

PacifiCorp has an obligation to provide safe and reliable service to its customers. The company also has an obligation to protect its employees and to provide them with personal protective equipment when necessary. Entering into the Agreements with Parts & Service Solutions is in the public interest because it supports the company’s coronavirus preparedness efforts and allows it to provide employees with protective masks, when needed, so they can safely perform their work. Having protective masks minimize employee exposure to the coronavirus, which in turn helps to maintain a healthy workforce. If employees do not have adequate protective equipment, it could negatively impact PacifiCorp’s ability to meet customer needs.

Also included with this filing is a notarized verification from Joe Hickey, Managing Director of Procurement, regarding the Agreement.

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Sincerely,

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