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Etta Lockey
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825 Northeast Multnomah, Suite 2000
Portland, Oregon 97232

**Re: PacifiCorp's 2017 Electric Integrated Resource Plan
Docket UE-160353**

Dear Ms. Lockey:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has reviewed the 2017 Electric Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) filed by Pacific Power and Light Company (Pacific Power or Company) on April 4, 2017, and finds that it meets the requirements of Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 19.280.030 and Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-100-238.¹

By acknowledging compliance with statute and rule, the Commission does not signal pre-approval for ratemaking purposes of any course of action identified in the IRP. The Commission will review the prudence of the Company's actions at the time of any future request to recover costs of resources in customer rates. The Commission will reach a prudence determination after giving due weight to the information, analyses, and strategies contained in the Company's IRP along with other relevant evidence.

Because an IRP cannot pinpoint precisely the future actions that will minimize a utility's costs and risks, we expect that the Company will regularly update the assumptions that underlie the analysis within the IRP and adjust its investment strategies accordingly.

Overall, the Commission is pleased with the thorough presentation of the Company's analyses in the 2017 IRP, and encourages the Company to continue its transparent and

¹ On May 1, 2018, Pacific Power filed an update to its 2017 Integrated Resource Plan. This Acknowledgment Letter and attachment do not reflect the Company's updated filing.

inclusive work with its advisory group on resource planning for the 2019 IRP. In the attached document the Commission provides specific comments regarding this IRP, and expectations for the 2019 IRP. While a majority of the Commission, Chair Danner and Commissioner Rendahl, support all of the specific comments and expectations expressed in the attached document, Commissioner Balasbas, as outlined at the end of the attached document, does not agree with all of the comments and expectations in Section III. i., pertaining to Emissions Price Modeling and Cost Abatement Supply Curve.

As a reminder, Pacific Power should file its next IRP on or before March 31, 2019.

Sincerely,

MARK. L. JOHNSON
Executive Director and Secretary

Attachment