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Exh. RJM-1CT_r
Docket UE-23—0172
Witness: Ramon J. Mitchell

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

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PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

Respondent.

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2 **service, why is the Cap and Invest program still resulting in increased NPC?**

3 A. As previously mentioned, in the WIJAM spreadsheet allocation method there is a net
4 open position that results from insufficient energy allocated to serve Washington load.
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6 resulting cost increases Washington-allocated NPC. Since the Cap and Invest program
7 decreases the energy output (generation) at the Chehalis plant, the WIJAM's net open
8 position becomes larger. Therefore, the resulting cost to close this net open position
9 becomes correspondingly greater.

10 **C. Jim Bridger's Gas Conversion**

11 **Q. Please describe what is taking place at Jim Bridger Units 1 and 2.**

12 A. Jim Bridger Units 1 and 2 are proposed to be converted to gas-fired units. Currently,
13 these two units are coal-fired. The Company's proposal to convert Jim Bridger Units
14 1 and 2 was filed in a separate application on December 9, 2022, and is a pending
15 case with the Wyoming Public Service Commission.⁷

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17 A. Emissions requirements imposed by the EPA required the installation of a selective
18 catalytic reduction system to reduce NO_x emissions from Jim Bridger Units 1 and 2
19 for continued coal-fired operations.⁸ ~~p~~ Past December 31, 2023, ~~G~~ gas conversion was
20 identified as a more economically viable option in the long-term analysis of the

⁷ See, *In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Authority to Convert the Primary Fuel Source from Jim Bridger Power Plant Units 1 and 2 from Coal to Natural Gas*, Docket No. 20000-628-EA-22 (Record No. 17212).

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