

January 4, 2002

**NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF  
SUSPENSION OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE  
(January 31, 2002)**

RE: PacifiCorp, d/b/a Pacific Power and Light  
Docket No. UE-001734

TO ALL PARTIES:

On December 27, 2001, PacifiCorp filed a letter with the Commission requesting an extension of the suspension date for the procedural schedule, previously granted to December 31, 2001, in the Third Supplemental Order. In that Order, the Commission stayed the proceedings in this docket to allow PacifiCorp and Columbia Rural Electric Association (CREA) to pursue a service territory agreement in Docket No. UE-011085. PacifiCorp asks that suspension of the procedural schedule be extended from December 31, 2001, to January 31, 2002.

PacifiCorp represents that the Company and CREA have made progress in their negotiations and are cautiously optimistic that a negotiated service territory agreement will result. PacifiCorp and CREA agree that an additional month's time is needed for the negotiating process. PacifiCorp agrees to waive the suspension period for an additional month.

On January 3, 2002, The Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) faxed a letter in opposition to PacifiCorp's request to suspend the procedural schedule through January 31, 2002. ICNU states that it "remains concerned that the Company's proposals are unnecessary, vague, and violate state and federal antitrust law."

The Commission encourages alternative forms of dispute resolution, and observes that extension of the suspension of the procedural schedule for another month with PacifiCorp's agreement to waive the suspension period for an additional month does not prejudice the parties. Accordingly, the Commission finds that it is consistent with the public interest to extend the suspension of the procedural schedule through January 31, 2002.

Sincerely,

KAREN M. CAILLÉ  
Administrative Law Judge