

February 11, 2002

ALJ Karen Caille  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
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Re: PacifiCorp, Docket No. UE-001734

Dear Judge Caille:

You requested a status report regarding Docket No. UE-001734. This docket has been held in abeyance pending the negotiation, filing and then possible approval of a service area agreement between PacifiCorp and Columbia Rural Electrification Association (CREA).

Staff received the status report filed by CREA in a letter dated February 7, 2002. CREA indicates that the principles underlying an agreement have been agreed to, but full details have not yet been agreed to. (To date, Staff has declined to participate in the PacifiCorp and CREA negotiations).

CREA suggests the Commission continue to hold this docket in abeyance for an additional period, ending May 15, 2002.

It appears that significant progress is being made. Accordingly, the suggestion of CREA is acceptable to Staff. In Staff's view, a service area agreement could well be in the best interests of CREA, PacifiCorp and the public.

CREA's letter also suggests Commission procedures in Docket No. UE-011085 be held in abeyance. Docket No. UE-011085 is beyond the scope of your request for a status report. While Staff is unaware of anything pending in Docket No. UE-011085, that docket is not at issue here. Accordingly, Staff offers no status report regarding that docket.

Very truly yours,

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