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To: Interested Parties
From: Michael Rosauer, Environmental Project Manager
**Subject: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION –
PacifiCorp's Morrison Creek Substation Project (A.07-07-018)**
Date: November 20, 2007

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft MND) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for consideration of PacifiCorp's Application to Construct the Morrison Creek Substation Project (A.07-07-018). The Draft MND details the Proposed Project, evaluates and describes its potential environmental impacts, identifies those impacts that could be significant, and presents mitigation measures to avoid or minimize these impacts.

Description of the Proposed Project. Through its CPUC application (A.07-07-018) filed on July 20, 2007, pursuant to CPUC General Order (GO) 131-D, PacifiCorp seeks a Permit to Construct (PTC) the proposed Morrison Creek Substation and remove the existing Simonson Substation (Proposed Project). The existing Simonson Substation, which currently steps voltage down from 69 kilovolt (kV) to 12.5 kV, would be replaced with the proposed Morrison Creek Substation which would have the same distribution capabilities. The objective of the Proposed Project is to increase system reliability in order to continue safe and reliable electric service to customers in the area.

Location of the Proposed Project. The Proposed Project site is in northwest Del Norte County approximately one quarter mile southeast of the community of Smith River, California, and approximately five miles south of the Oregon/California border (see map below). The site is south of Rowdy Creek and adjacent to the eastern side of U.S. Highway 101 and an existing 69 kV transmission line with 12.5 kV distribution underbuild.

CPUC Actions After Draft MND Publication. The Draft MND is available for a 30-day public comment period November 20, 2007 through December 21, 2007. The public may present comments and concerns regarding the Proposed Project and the adequacy of the Draft MND. Written comments on the Draft MND must be postmarked or received by fax or e-mail no later than **December 21, 2007**. Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number in your correspondence. Written comments on the Draft MND should be sent to:

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The CPUC will also hold a public information meeting on **December 12, 2007 at the Smith River Community Hall, 241 First Street, Smith River, California (see map below), between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.** Following the end of the public comment period, the CPUC will prepare a Final MND that will consider comments received on the Draft MND.



Availability of Draft MND. Copies of the Draft MND will be available for public review at the Smith River Community Library and the Crescent City Branch of the Del Norte County Library, and on the project website: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/esa/morrisoncreek/morrison.html>. This website will be used to post all public documents during the environmental review process and to announce any upcoming public meetings. Hard copies of the Draft MND may be requested by telephone at (415) 962-8468 or by e-mail at morrisoncreek@esassoc.com.

PROJECT INFORMATION REPOSITORIES

Smith River Community Library
 241 First Street
 Smith River, CA 95567
 (707) 487-8048
 Hours: M-F: 1:30PM to 4:30PM
 Sa: 10AM to 2PM
 Closed Sunday.

Crescent City Branch Library
 190 Price Mall Circle
 Crescent City, CA 95531
 (707) 464-9793
 Hours: M-Th: 12PM to 8PM
 Closed Friday through
 Sunday.

REMINDER: Draft MND comments will be accepted by fax, e-mail, or postmark through December 21, 2007. Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number.

Map of the Proposed Project Location:

