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**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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May 31, 2007

Magalie R. Salas, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: *PacifiCorp*  
Docket No. ER07-882-000

Dear Ms. Salas:

Enclosed for filing in the above-docketed case, please find an original electronic filing of the attached document entitled **“NOTICE OF INTERVENTION AND PROTEST OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.”**

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Laurence G. Chaset

Laurence G. Chaset  
Staff Counsel

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

PacifiCorp

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Docket No. ER07-882-000

**NOTICE OF INTERVENTION AND PROTEST OF THE  
CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**INTRODUCTION**

Pursuant to Rules 212 and 214 (a) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC” or “Commission”), and the FERC’s May 15, 2007, Notice of Filing, the California Public Utilities Commission (“CPUC”) hereby intervenes in the above-docketed proceedings.

These proceedings concern the submission by PacifiCorp of a Notice of Termination of an Agreement for use of transmission capacity between PacifiCorp and California's major Investor Owned Utilities. PacifiCorp’s Notice of Termination pertains to a 47-mile segment of a 94 mile, 500-kV transmission line that forms an integral part of a regional transmission intertie (the Pacific AC Intertie, sometimes also referred to as the "California-Oregon Intertie”), which connects markets in California and the Pacific Southwest with markets in the Pacific Northwest extending into western Canada.

This Intertie consists of three parallel 500-kV transmission lines running

from north of the California-Oregon border southward into northern California. Two of these lines cover an approximately 94-mile span from the Malin substation in southern Oregon to the Round Mountain substation in northern California. A third line, known as the California-Oregon Transmission Project runs from the Captain Jack substation in southern Oregon to the Olinda substation in northern California.

PacifiCorp owns the first 47 miles of one of the 500-kV lines, known as "Line #2," which runs from Malin to Indian Springs. Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E") owns the remaining 47 miles of this line, running from Indian Spring to Round Mountain. The PacifiCorp Line is interconnected, through the Malin substation, with other PacifiCorp-owned 500-kV and 230-kV transmission facilities, as well as with transmission facilities owned by Portland General Electric and with the Bonneville Power Administration.

For the past 40 years (beginning August 1, 1967), in accordance with a long-standing Capacity Agreement, PacifiCorp has made available to PG&E, Southern California Edison Company, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company the full capacity of the PacifiCorp portion of Line #2 for a fixed annual payment of \$475,000. By its negotiated terms, the Capacity Agreement expires on July 31, 2007 and all rights to capacity on the PacifiCorp portion of Line #2 revert to PacifiCorp.

PacifiCorp has submitted to FERC a Notice of Termination to notify FERC of the termination, effective July 31, 2007, of the Capacity Agreement. Upon

expiration of the Capacity Agreement, PacifiCorp proposes to offer service on its portion of Line #2, as part of PacifiCorp's transmission system, through the PacifiCorp OASIS and pursuant to the terms of PacifiCorp's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

### **NOTICE OF INTERVENTION**

The CPUC is a constitutionally established agency charged with the responsibility for regulating electric corporations within the State of California. In addition, the CPUC has a statutory mandate to represent the interest of electric consumers throughout California in proceedings before the FERC. This Notice of Intervention serves to make the CPUC a party to these proceedings.

Communications to the CPUC in this proceeding should be addressed to:

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### **PROTEST**

The substance of the CPUC's Protest in this matter is set forth in the Motion to Reject and Protest of the California Public Utilities Commission and Pacific Gas and Electric Company that is being separately filed today in this docket.

Accordingly, the substance of the CPUC's Protest will not be repeated herein.

Dated: May 31, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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By: */s/ Laurence G. Chaset*

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day caused the foregoing document to be served upon all known parties in this proceeding by e-mail upon each party identified in the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 31st day of May, 2007.

*/s/ Laurence G. Chaset*

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