

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF PACIFICORP DBA
UTAH POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO ITS
ELECTRIC SERVICE SCHEDULES**

) CASE NO. PAC-E-05-1
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) Direct Testimony of J. Ted Weston
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1 **Q. Please state your name, business address and present position with**
2 **PacifiCorp dba Utah Power & Light Company (the Company).**

3 A. My name is Ted Weston. My business address is One Utah Center, Suite 2300,
4 201 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84140-2300. I am currently
5 employed as the Manager of Revenue Requirement in the Regulation Department.

6 **Qualifications**

7 **Q. Please briefly describe your education and business experience.**

8 A. I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Utah State
9 University in 1983. In addition to formal education, I have attended various
10 educational, professional and electric industry related seminars during my career
11 at the Company. I joined the Company in 1983, and I have held various
12 accounting and regulatory positions prior to my current position.

13 **Q. What are your current responsibilities?**

14 A. My primary responsibilities are to calculate the Company's revenue requirement
15 and regulated earnings, to determine the interjurisdictional cost allocations, and to
16 explain those calculations to regulators in the six jurisdictions in which
17 PacifiCorp operates.

18 **Purpose of Testimony**

19 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

20 A. The purpose of my testimony is to present the Company's results of operations for
21 the test period based on Fiscal Year 2004 (FY04), which covers the twelve month
22 period ended March 31, 2004. That period has been normalized to remove any
23 non-recurring events and adjusted for known and measurable items to reflect a

1 forward looking test period more closely aligned with the time when the new rates
2 will be effective. My testimony presents evidence that based on these results of
3 operations, PacifiCorp is earning an overall Return on Equity (ROE) in its Idaho
4 jurisdictional service territory of 5.8 percent. This return is far below any other
5 ROE recently authorized by the Commission for other investor-owned utilities in
6 Idaho, and less than the ROE essential to provide a fair and equitable return for
7 PacifiCorp's shareholders, as determined in Dr. Hadaway's testimony. In support
8 of this conclusion, I introduce and describe the Company's Idaho Results of
9 Operations Report, identified as Exhibit No. 9. In describing this report, I
10 indicate the sources of the base data, describe certain normalizing adjustments to
11 the base data, and explain the Company's forward looking approach for any
12 known and measurable adjustments.

13 **Q. Based on the results contained in Exhibit No. 9, what level of price increase is**
14 **necessary for PacifiCorp to earn the ROE recommended by Dr. Hadaway?**

15 A. A price increase of \$16.9 million would be required to allow the Company the
16 opportunity to earn the 11.125 percent ROE recommended in Dr. Hadaway's
17 testimony.

18 **Q. Is PacifiCorp actually seeking to increase revenues by \$16.9 million in this**
19 **proceeding?**

20 A. No, the Company is requesting a price increase of \$15.1 million based on the
21 Revised Protocol stipulation. As explained in Mr. Dave Taylor's testimony and
22 agreed upon as part of the Multi-State Process (MSP), the Revised Protocol
23 stipulation imposes a limit on any increase to PacifiCorp's revenue requirement at

1 101.67 percent of the Idaho revenue requirement calculated under the Rolled-in
2 Allocation methodology. The application of this rate mitigation cap limits the
3 Company's requested rate increase to \$15.1 million, or \$1.8 million less than the
4 increase that is supported by Exhibit No. 9. This cap is an effort to phase into the
5 Revised Protocol method from Rolled-In over a five year period, as further
6 discussed in Mr. Taylor's testimony.

7 **Q. What is contained in Exhibit No. 9?**

8 A. Exhibit No. 9 is PacifiCorp's Idaho Results of Operations Report ("Report"). The
9 base year for the Report is fiscal year 2004, which has been normalized to present
10 a forward looking twelve-month test period. The Report details revenues,
11 expenses and rate base allocated to the Idaho service territory based on the
12 Revised Protocol methodology, in accordance with the Revised Protocol
13 stipulation described above. Mr. Taylor's testimony describes the changes in
14 jurisdictional allocation methodology between Rolled-In and the Revised Protocol
15 and the provision in the stipulation to phase into the Revised Protocol method.
16 He also details the impacts of those changes on the Idaho revenue requirement.

17 **Q. Please describe the contents of the Report.**

18 A. The Report provides twelve-month totals for revenues and expenses. Rate base is
19 calculated as the average of the beginning and end of year balances. The Report
20 presents operating results for the period in terms of both return on rate base and
21 ROE. Tab 1 of the Report provides summary information. Page 1.0 is a summary
22 of results allocated to Idaho based on the Rolled-In methodology. Column 1
23 shows the adjusted Idaho results, and column 2 is the Rolled-In price change.

1 Column 3 adds this price increase to the adjusted general business revenues to get
2 the Rolled-In revenue requirement. Column 4 reflects the application of the
3 101.67 percent cap required under the Revised Protocol stipulation. Column 5 is
4 the product of columns 3 and 4 and represents the maximum allowed step
5 increase to move to Revised Protocol. This maximum allowed amount was
6 compared to the Revised Protocol revenue requirement (column 6) to demonstrate
7 the impact of the cap (column 7). The final column is the price increase based on
8 the capped Revised Protocol methodology carried forward from page 1.1.

9 Page 1.1 is a summary of the normalized Idaho results of operations for
10 the test period with a calculation of the increase in Idaho retail revenues that
11 would be necessary for the Company to earn 11.125 percent ROE based on
12 Revised Protocol methodology. The Total Adjusted Results (Column 1) is carried
13 forward from the results of operations summary, Page 2.2, and shows a forecasted
14 ROE for Idaho of 5.8 percent. The Price Change (Column 2) shows that a price
15 increase of \$16.9 million in revenues is required to increase the return from 5.8 to
16 11.125 percent ROE in Idaho. Column 3 summarizes Idaho's revenue
17 requirement. Page 1.2 supports the calculation of additional revenue-related taxes
18 associated with the price change requested in column 2. Page 1.3 details the
19 calculation of the net operating income percentage. Page 1.4 starts with Idaho
20 unadjusted results and summarizes the impact of the normalization adjustments by
21 type.

22 PacifiCorp summarizes adjustments into three different types. Type I
23 adjustments represent base period accounting or Commission-ordered adjustments

1 (i.e., reversing one- time write-offs). Type II adjustments typically annualize
2 events that occurred during the base year (i.e., contract changes or wage
3 increases). Type III adjustments reflect known and measurable events that
4 occurred after the base period. Page 1.5 is a summary of all the normalizing
5 adjustments by category contained in Tabs 3 through 8.

6 Tab 2 details the allocation of Company results to Idaho using the Revised
7 Protocol allocation method. Pages 2.3 through 2.38 contain Total Company and
8 Idaho-allocated revenues, expenses and rate base detailed by FERC Account.
9 Tabs 3 through 8 summarize the normalizing adjustments by category made to
10 FY04 base data to reflect on-going costs of the Company. Tab 9 is a replication
11 of Tab 2 except the Idaho results are produced based on the Rolled-In allocation
12 method. Supporting documentation for the data in Tab 9 is provided under Tabs
13 B1 through B20, for unadjusted results. Tab 10 contains the calculation of the
14 Revised Protocol allocation factors. This completes the summary explanation of
15 the contents of my exhibit.

16 **Revenues**

17 **Q. Would you describe the revenue normalization adjustments made in Tab 3,**
18 **Revenue Adjustments?**

19 A. Yes. Page 3.0 summarizes each adjustment in Tab 3, listing each in a separate
20 column itemizing the impact to revenues, operation, maintenance, administrative
21 and general expenses (OMAG), taxes, and rate base, and an overall impact to the
22 ROE. The adjustments made to normalize the test year revenues are detailed on
23 pages 3.1 through 3.7 with supporting documentation. I will briefly describe each

1 of these adjustments.

2 **Weather Normalization** (Adjustment 3.1) – Adjustment 3.1 normalizes revenues
3 in the base year by comparing actual loads to temperature normalized loads.

4 Weather normalization reflects weather or temperature patterns which were
5 measurably different than normal, as defined by using thirty year historical
6 averages prepared by the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration. Only
7 residential and commercial loads are considered weather sensitive. This revenue
8 adjustment corresponds with the temperature adjustment made to the system peak
9 and energy loads utilized for the development of the jurisdictional allocation
10 factors.

11 **Revenue Normalizing Adjustments** – Adjustment 3.2 normalizes the base year
12 revenues by removing items that should not be included to determine retail rates,
13 such as credits from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and
14 ScottishPower merger credits. Also removed are Blue Sky revenues to assure that
15 this program is not subsidized by non-participating customers; costs of the Blue
16 Sky program are removed in the O&M section adjustment 4.2. This adjustment
17 also removed the one-time change in unbilled revenues due to a change in the
18 methodology used to determine the amount recorded on the balance sheet for
19 unbilled revenues.

20 **Rock River Warranty Reversal** – Adjustment 3.3 removes a non-recurring
21 settlement from base year results. PacifiCorp negotiated a warranty provision
22 with the manufacturer as part of the installation contract of these wind generation
23 units that guaranteed a specified completion date for the project. The contractor

1 didn't meet the terms of the contract and paid the penalty determined by the
2 contract.

3 **Removal of System Balancing Activity** – Adjustment 3.4 removes revenues
4 recorded during the test period for wholesale sales to account 456. The Company
5 models the normalized wholesale sales and purchase activities for net power costs
6 in the Generation Resource Integrated Dispatch model (GRID). This adjustment
7 in conjunction with adjustment 5.1 removes these net system balancing activities
8 from the results and adjustment 5.1 replaces these with normalized amounts, as
9 described in Mr. Mark Widmer's testimony.

10 **USBR/UKRB Revenues** – Adjustment 3.5 system allocates the cost of Klamath
11 River water rights to better align them with the benefits of the hydro system. The
12 U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) and the Klamath Basin Water Users'
13 Protective Association (UKRB) receive a discounted tariff in exchange for their
14 water rights through contracts with PacifiCorp. These contracts preserve the
15 Company's interests in three hydro projects on the Klamath River. Because all
16 customers share in the benefits of the hydro production from these plants, these
17 costs should be shared in the same way.

18 **Special Contract Reclassification** – Adjustment 3.6 normalizes base year
19 revenues by reversing the system allocation of special contract revenues and
20 assigns those revenues to their home state. The Revised Protocol developed in
21 MSP specified that these special contracts would be direct assigned to their home
22 state. This means that the load associated with each of these contracts is included
23 in its home state load for development of the allocation factors, with the revenues

1 also being retained by the home state.

2 **Little Mountain** – Adjustment 3.7 removes excess revenue related to Little
3 Mountain steam sales from months outside the test period.

4 This is a summary of normalization adjustments made to revenues, with
5 the exception of the wholesale sales normalized by GRID summarized in
6 adjustment 5.1

7 **OMAG Expenses**

8 **Q. Please describe the adjustments made to base year OMAG expense in Tab 4**
9 **O&M Adjustments.**

10 A. Tab 4 is a summary of the adjustments made to the Company's unadjusted FY04
11 OMAG expense to remove any non-recurring events as well as normalize the base
12 year to more accurately reflect conditions during the rate effective period. Page
13 4.0 summarizes each adjustment in Tab 4, listing each in a separate column
14 itemizing the impact to revenues, OMAG, taxes and rate base and an overall
15 impact to ROE. The adjustments made to normalize the test year OMAG are
16 detailed on pages 4.1 through 4.18 with supporting documentation. I will briefly
17 describe each of these adjustments.

18 **Uncollectible Expense** – Adjustment 4.1 removes a joint owner accrual recorded
19 during the base year to account for revenues billed to, but not paid by, the
20 minority joint owner of the Company-owned generation facility. This dispute has
21 since been resolved and is not considered a recurring event.

22 **Blue Sky Program** – Adjustment 4.2 removes the OMAG expenses associated
23 with the Blue Sky program. The Blue Sky Program is designed to encourage

1 voluntary customer participation in the acquisition and development of renewable
2 resources. To ensure that non-participants do not subsidize this program,
3 Adjustment 4.2 removes the expenses associated with the program from the base
4 year expense. The retail revenues from program participants were removed from
5 results in adjustment 3.2 and power purchases and sales were normalized in
6 adjustment 5.1.

7 **Miscellaneous General Expense** – Adjustment 4.3 removes from the test period
8 certain miscellaneous expenses such as club dues and other contributions that
9 should have been charged below the line to non-regulated expense.

10 **International Assignees** – Adjustment 4.4 removes from the test period housing
11 and other costs associated with international assignees who have either returned to
12 Scotland or “localized” (transferred to the U.S. compensation package). The
13 labor-related costs for those international assignees who returned to Scotland are
14 removed in the labor adjustment 4.11 and 4.12. These are expenses that the
15 Company does not expect to incur in the future.

16 **DSM Liability Write-Off** – Adjustment 4.5 removes a non-recurring liability
17 write-off from the test period. Several years ago, PacifiCorp contracted for the
18 development of some energy saving equipment for Oregon customers. In 2000
19 PacifiCorp sued for partial non-delivery and withheld payment from the
20 contractor. Ultimately the Company lost this claim in arbitration, a settlement
21 was later reached between the parties, and the Company wrote off the liability
22 during the test period.

23 **Customer Guarantee Reversal** – Adjustment 4.6 removes customer guarantee

1 payments from OMAG as these items should be booked below the line.
2 ScottishPower made several customer guarantees as part of its merger
3 commitments, and failure to comply with these guarantees resulted in fines to be
4 paid to the customer. A review of the test period identified that some of the
5 customer guarantee payments were incorrectly booked above the line.

6 **Deferred Generation Asset Write-off Removal** – Adjustment 4.7 removes from
7 the base year the write-off of prior period preliminary survey and investigation
8 costs. This accounting treatment is based on FASB Statement of Position (SOP)
9 81-1, Accounting for Performance of Construction-Type and Certain Production-
10 Type Contracts, and SOP 98-5, Reporting on the Costs of Start-Up activities.
11 These accounting pronouncements state that any project investigation and
12 development costs incurred prior to receiving management approval should be
13 expensed rather than deferred. In FY04, \$5.4 million was expensed due to these
14 pronouncements, and \$4.3 million was incurred in prior years. Only the prior
15 period amount was removed, leaving an annual amount of expense in the test
16 period.

17 **Remove Settlement Termination Expenses** – Adjustment 4.8 removes the test
18 year expenses associated with a potential legal liability accrued by the Company
19 in connection with the termination of the failed sale of the California service
20 territory. This is a one time, non-recurring event.

21 **Direct Access Cost Removal** – Adjustment 4.9 removes Oregon direct access
22 costs from the test year. During FY04, an accounting entry transferring Oregon
23 direct access costs from account 901 to 580 used two different locations: one

1 Oregon location, and the other a system location, which caused one side of the
2 entry to be system-allocated rather than direct-assigned to Oregon. This
3 adjustment corrects that allocation error.

4 **Regulatory Asset Correction** – Adjustment 4.10 removes a credit to expense
5 created by an accounting error while writing off a contra account for the
6 California FAS 109 regulatory asset. In September 2003, this contra account was
7 written off by debiting account 1823109 and crediting account 930 for \$19
8 million. During the same month another entry was made to reverse a second
9 quarter adjustment for \$4.6 million. Then in December an attempt was made to
10 remove any impact of this entry from results by transferring it below the line to
11 account 426. When the second entry was made, however, the full \$19 million
12 was transferred to account 426. This caused the test period expense to be
13 understated by the \$4.6 million.

14 **General Wage Increase** – Adjustments 4.11 and 4.12 annualize changes to
15 wages and headcount that have occurred during FY04. PacifiCorp has several
16 labor groups, both union and non-union, each with different effective contract
17 renewal dates. These adjustments include several elements. First, there were
18 several changes to employee levels, both new hires and employees no longer
19 employed with the Company. In the case of new hires, their salaries have been
20 annualized. In the case of those no longer employed by the Company, their
21 salaries were removed. Second, the salaries and bonuses of the international
22 assignees who have returned to Scotland have been removed along with
23 adjustment 4.4, which removed their other benefits. Third, based on a weighted

1 matrix of the Company's annual incentive goals, approximately 2.5 percent of the
2 AIP payout was determined to be driven by the financial results of the Company
3 and was removed. Fourth, social security and payroll taxes were adjusted to
4 reflect the impact of these wage changes as well. The overall impact was an
5 increase of salaries and payroll taxes of \$6.1 million. The current OMAG
6 Capitalization ratio is then applied, which assigns 76 percent to OMAG, and the
7 net increase of \$4.5 million is spread back to all OMAG accounts on the same
8 ratio as they were originally charged

9 **Proforma General Wage Increase** – Adjustments 4.13 and 4.14 recognize that
10 before this requested rate change is effective, an additional wage increase will
11 also take effect. These increases are layered on from their effective date forward.
12 (Adjustments 4.11 and 4.12 annualized wage increases that occurred during
13 FY04.) Adjustments 4.13 and 4.14 have four elements: (1) salaries were
14 increased prospectively from the date of their contract renewal dates, (2) we
15 reflected the impact these wage increases will have on the annual incentive
16 payout, (3) pension and benefits were normalized, and (4) the incremental impact
17 of these changes to payroll taxes was calculated. Because incentive pay is
18 affected by increases to base pay, we also escalated the incentive pay for these
19 changes. In addition, as discussed in Mr. Dan Rosborough's testimony, although
20 pension and post-retirement benefits total \$44.8 million in FY04, the latest
21 actuarial report indicates that before the rate effective date they will total \$86.1
22 million. Additionally medical, dental, vision, and other employee benefits will
23 increase by \$15.4 million from FY04 levels. These increases have been included

1 in this adjustment and spread back to each FERC account on the same ratio as
2 labor. Mr. Rosborough's testimony discusses these cost increases as well.
3 Finally, we reflected the incremental impact to payroll taxes for each of these
4 items.

5 **Scottish Power Cross Charge** – Adjustment 4.15 reflects the impact of the cross
6 charge agreement executed by PacifiCorp and Scottish Power UK (SPUK), which
7 governs the allocation of costs incurred by each entity on behalf of the other. On
8 September 30, 2003, the Company filed a Compliance Filing pursuant to the
9 IPUC directives in the merger Order No. 28213 addressing conditions adopted
10 regarding these affiliated interest transactions. The Securities and Exchange
11 Commission authorized SPUK and its subsidiaries to bill PacifiCorp for corporate
12 service costs incurred on behalf of PacifiCorp.

13 **Q What is included within corporate costs?**

14 A. Corporate costs include costs relating to executive management and corporate
15 oversight provided to all ScottishPower plc divisions by SPUK and its
16 subsidiaries. Similarly, costs incurred by PacifiCorp on behalf of SPUK will be
17 cross charged to SPUK. All costs incurred by PacifiCorp for SPUK were charged
18 below the line and are not included in the Company's revenue requirement
19 application. Although SPUK has provided corporate services to PacifiCorp since
20 the merger, cross charges began to be invoiced only as of April 2004.

21 **Q. What measures are in place to ensure that these costs are reasonable in**
22 **amount?**

23 A. Both SPUK and PacifiCorp employ controls designed to ensure compliance with

1 the corporate cross charge policy before payment is exchanged. Monthly
2 financial meetings, which monitor levels of Group Corporate costs and any
3 variances from amounts budgeted for a particular activity, are ongoing. Each
4 quarter, PriceWaterhouseCoopers undertakes an external audit review of the
5 Group Corporate financial records.

6 **Q. Please quantify the cost categories included in Adjustment 4.15.**

7 A. Adjustment 4.15 reflects the SPUK annual cross charge to PacifiCorp of
8 \$15,657,489 per year; Idaho's allocated share is \$933,312. The cross charge is
9 attributed to the following categories:

10	Corporate secretarial & shareholder services	\$3.9 million
11	Executive Directors	\$2.3 million
12	Group human resources	\$2.1 million
13	Corporate finance	\$3.8 million
14	Strategic planning	\$1.3 million
15	Corporate Services (IT & Office Space)	<u>\$2.2 million</u>
16	Total	\$15.6 million

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18 **Q. How are the corporate costs allocated across the various entities?**

19 A. The cross charge agreement provides that corporate costs are directly charged,
20 directly allocated, or apportioned on a four-factor formula. Costs directly
21 attributable to an affiliate will be directly charged. For example, external audit
22 fees attributable to PacifiCorp, yet charged to SPUK, will be directly assigned.
23 When direct charging is not applicable, the cost is evaluated for direct allocation.
24 Direct allocation applies when a cost is based on a specific factor. For example, a
25 cost based on personnel headcount would be directly allocated based on the
26 headcount at each affiliate. The employee newsletter costs, for example, are
27 directly allocated based on the number of employees at an affiliate. Common

1 corporate costs that cannot be directly assigned or directly allocated are
2 apportioned based on a four-factor formula. The four factors are sales, operating
3 profit, net assets, and employee headcount. PacifiCorp believes the volume of
4 sales, amount of assets, number of employees and profitability are reflective of
5 the magnitude of common corporate resources required by the US and UK
6 entities. These four factors are essentially the same as the traditional three factors
7 PacifiCorp has used for a number of years, with the addition of a profitability
8 measure. By including profitability as a factor in the allocation methodology, the
9 entity that is relatively “light” on assets, yet profitable, will be allocated a larger
10 share of corporate costs compared to the three-factor formula. About 41.4 percent
11 of common corporate costs, such as corporate secretarial, group human resources,
12 and group finance costs, are allocated to PacifiCorp on the four-factor formula.

13 **Workers’ Compensation Expense** – With respect to Adjustment 4.16, the
14 Company received notice that the Insurance Carrier used by the Company to
15 provide employee Workers’ Compensation insurance was in bankruptcy. The
16 Company therefore set up a contingency reserve for \$11.5 million in August
17 2003. Based on current actuarial studies, the reserve has been reduced by \$5.9
18 million on the Company books to \$5.6 million. Since it is not known whether this
19 item will be covered by other insurers, this adjustment removes the expense side
20 of both the establishment of the reserve and the write-off transactions from base
21 year expenses.

22 **Membership and Subscriptions** – Adjustment 4.17 follows precedent
23 established by the Commission for treatment of national and regional trade

1 organizations. The Company has included 75 percent of dues paid to Pacific
2 Northwest Utilities Conference Committee, Utility Air Regulatory Group, Edison
3 Electric Institute, and Western Energy Institute and removed all other
4 membership dues from results.

5 **Irrigation DSM** – Adjustment 4.18 corrects the allocation of payments made to
6 Idaho irrigators. The load control payments were recorded to account 557, which
7 is system allocated. By direct assigning these costs to Idaho, we have aligned the
8 costs associated with the load reduction in Idaho with the benefit of lower loads.
9 This reduction to load means a reduced amount of system costs gets allocated to
10 Idaho.

11 **Net Power Costs**

12 **Q. How are the Company's forecasted Net Power Costs (NPC) for the test**
13 **period developed?**

14 A. Mr. Mark T. Widmer's testimony describes how NPC is normalized for the test
15 period. The NPC forecast normalizes steam and hydro power generation, fuel,
16 purchased power, wheeling and sales for resale in a manner consistent with
17 normalized operation of production facilities and the contractual terms of sales
18 and purchase agreements. NPC is forecasted using the GRID model.

19 **NPC Study** – Adjustment 5.1 removes the actual net power costs incurred during
20 FY04 and replaces those with the normalized results of the GRID model.

21 **Trail Mountain Closure Amortization** – Adjustment 5.2 relates to the
22 Company's March 2001 closure of its Trail Mountain Mine, which supplied coal
23 to the Hunter Plant (a jointly owned facility) and replaced that coal with lower

1 cost coal from the Sufco contract.

2 **Q. Will you explain what led to the Company's decision to close Trail**
3 **Mountain?**

4 A. Yes. When the Company acquired the Trail Mountain Mine from Arco in 1992, it
5 was aware that acquisition of the Trail Mountain reserves provided the Company
6 with access to the adjacent Cottonwood Lease. Production from Trail Mountain
7 and Cottonwood leases would ensure a future supply of coal for the Hunter Plant.
8 The Company first nominated the Cottonwood lease for bid in 1991. By 1998,
9 however, PacifiCorp knew that the economically recoverable coal reserves at
10 Trail Mountain were limited. In 1999, the Company began to consider other
11 alternatives to pursuing the Cottonwood coal reserves and producing its own coal,
12 and issued a request for proposal from outside suppliers. PacifiCorp's long term
13 fueling strategy called for the Company to move into adjacent Cottonwood coal
14 reserves and to continue to produce its own coal, a fact that the other producers in
15 the area knew. At the time PacifiCorp issued its request for proposal, Utah's coal
16 production was about 25 million tons annually, with the Company producing
17 around 8 million tons, or 32 percent of the total production. The Company's
18 mines have long provided the Company with leverage in the Utah coal market and
19 on coal prices. Coal suppliers knew that for their bids to be successful, they
20 would have to be superior to the Company's own cost of production. As a result,
21 the Company was able to negotiate a very favorable five-year contract with an
22 outside supplier. This contract provided an economic justification to cease further
23 environmental permitting of the Cottonwood lease and to close the Trail

1 Mountain Mine.

2 **Q. How have customers benefited from the Trail Mountain Closure?**

3 A. Customers are receiving annual fuel savings of over \$19 million a year under the
4 new coal purchase contract compared to continued operation of Trail Mountain.
5 Even with a five-year amortization of the closure cost and including a carrying
6 charge on the un-recovered plant investment, customers still receive a net benefit
7 of over \$7 million annually.

8 **Q. How is the Company accounting for these closure costs?**

9 A. A petition for a deferred accounting order allowing deferral of the Trail Mountain
10 un-recovered investment was filed with the Idaho Commission on February 8,
11 2001. This application was approved in Order No. 28700 issued April 5, 2001.
12 The original application requested deferral of the un-recovered assets only and did
13 not take into account the additional costs associated with closing the mine.
14 Closure costs were an additional \$19 million which was also deferred. In April
15 2002, two regulatory assets totaling \$46 million were recorded on the Company's
16 books, one for the Trail Mountain Closure costs and the other for the un-
17 recovered Trail Mountain Investment. These regulatory assets are being
18 amortized over a five-year period. The amortization expense is recorded in
19 Account 501, Fuel Expense. However, because this amortization includes the
20 joint owners' share, we removed it from the normalized fuel costs included in
21 Adjustment 5.1, Net Power Cost study, and added only PacifiCorp's share of
22 twelve months amortization expense of \$7,935,023. This adjustment also
23 removes the \$1,194,806 of joint-owner payments to PacifiCorp from Account

1 456, because the joint owners' share of amortization expense is not included.

2 In addition, because the regulatory assets include the joint owners'
3 portion, it was necessary to correct the balance of the unamortized regulatory
4 asset included in the test period. Adjustment 5.2 decreased the regulatory assets
5 by \$3,366,682, reflecting the appropriate regulatory asset balance of \$19,808,687
6 in the adjusted test period.

7 **BPA Regional Exchange Credit** – Adjustment 5.3 removes the BPA credit from
8 purchase power expense. The Company receives an annual amount from BPA to
9 be passed on to its customers. This is accounted for by reducing power costs on
10 the expense side and providing a credit to customer bills on the revenue side.

11 Since this is a straight pass-through from BPA, it is not included in the
12 determination of PacifiCorp's revenue requirement. The credit to revenues was
13 removed in adjustment 3.2.

14 **Depreciation and Amortization Expense**

15 **Q. Were there any adjustments to the actual depreciation expense?**

16 A. Yes. The Company is adding the new Currant Creek generation facility, as
17 described in Mr. Stan K.Watters' testimony. All components of this investment
18 (with the exception of its impact on NPC) are summarized in adjustment 8.11.

19 **Q. Have you included amortization expense for other miscellaneous items?**

20 A. The actual results include amortization expense for other deferrals and regulatory
21 assets included in Tab B16 of my exhibit.

1 **Taxes**

2 **Q. Please describe the adjustments to taxes.**

3 A. This section has four adjustments to income taxes and one to property taxes.

4 **Interest True-Up** – Adjustment 7.1 aligns interest expense with net rate base by
5 applying the weighted cost of debt to Idaho net investment.

6 **Deferred Tax Balance Reclass** – Adjustment 7.2 is necessary to correct the
7 allocation of two deferred tax balances. A review of these two accounts, which
8 were being allocated on a SO factor, revealed they actually contained several
9 state-specific regulatory assets which should be direct assigned to specific states
10 or, alternatively, should be excluded from the revenue requirement calculation.
11 For example, the deferred income taxes associated with the recovery of the excess
12 power costs incurred during the Western power crisis were recorded in one
13 account. These costs were recovered on a separate rider and should not be
14 included in these results. The supporting work papers detail the components of
15 each account and their correct allocation.

16 **Wyoming Wind Tax Credit** – Adjustment 7.3 recognizes that the federal
17 government offered an income tax credit for investment in renewable resources
18 placed into service before December 31, 2001. The Company owns 78.8 percent
19 share of the Foote Creek wind project in Wyoming. The total Company tax credit
20 of \$2.2 million is based on PacifiCorp's share of the energy produced at that
21 facility. This adjustment includes that tax credit in results.

22 **Property Tax** – Adjustment 7.4 aligns property taxes with the investment
23 included in this filing. Property taxes are based on the plant investment as of

1 January 1 of each year. The property taxes in FY04 are based on plant balances
2 as of December 31, 2002. This adjustment applies the imputed rates to the plant
3 balance included in the filing.

4 **IRS Settlement Amortization** – Adjustment 7.5 amortizes payments made for
5 state income taxes over five years. In FY04 PacifiCorp paid \$634,571 to state
6 taxing authorities as a result of the IRS settlement for years 1994 through 1998.
7 The requested amortization of these payments over 5 years is consistent with the
8 number of years to which the IRS settlement applies. This adjustment complies
9 with the Stipulation in Case No. PAC-E-03-05 wherein the Company committed
10 to propose a methodology for the recovery of future audit assessments

11 **Rate Base**

12 **Q. Please describe each of the adjustments to rate base balances.**

13 A. **Update Cash Working Capital** – Adjustment 8.1 aligns cash working capital
14 with the operating expenses included in the filing. PacifiCorp utilizes a Lead /
15 Lag study to account for the lag associated with providing electric service to
16 customers. While there are several different methods used to calculate working
17 capital, the Company believes cash working capital based on a Lead / Lag study is
18 the most accurate. The Company updated its study based on fiscal year 2003 data

19 **Environmental Settlement** – Adjustment 8.2 deducts the unused insurance
20 settlement for environmental clean-up sites from rate base. In 1996, the Company
21 received an insurance settlement of \$38 million to cover the cost of Company
22 clean-up sites. These funds were transferred to PacifiCorp Environmental
23 Remediation Company (PERCO), which is performing the clean-up at these sites.

1 As remediation work is performed on the clean-up sites, the funds from the
2 insurance settlement are used, reducing the fund balance.

3 **Trapper Mine** – Adjustment 8.3 adds PacifiCorp’s 21.4 percent interest in the
4 Trapper Mine, which provides coal to the Craig Generating Plant, into rate base.
5 The normalized coal cost of Trapper Mine includes all operating and maintenance
6 costs but does not include a return on investment. It is necessary to add the
7 Company’s investment in Trapper Mine to rate base, since this investment is
8 recorded on the Company’s books in Account 123.1 - Investment in Subsidiary
9 Company, which is not normally a rate base account.

10 **Jim Bridger Mine** – Adjustment 8.4 adds PacifiCorp’s two-thirds interest in the
11 Bridger Coal Company, which supplies coal to the Jim Bridger Generating Plant.
12 The Company’s investment in Bridger Coal Company is recorded on the books of
13 Pacific Minerals, Inc. (PMI). Because of this ownership arrangement, the coal
14 mine investment is not included in electric plant in service. The normalized coal
15 costs for Bridger Coal Company include the operating and maintenance costs of
16 mining, but provide no return on investment. This adjustment is therefore
17 necessary to properly reflect the Bridger Coal Company investment in base year
18 rate base.

19 **Plant Held for Future Use** – Adjustment 8.5 removes Plant Held for Future Use
20 from the beginning balance that was written off during the year. While the plant
21 was not included in the ending balance, it was still on the books at the beginning
22 of the year.

23 **Correction of Weatherization Allocation** – Adjustment 8.6 reverses the system

1 allocation of weatherization loans. During the year, the Company received
2 payment for some Utah DSM loans. These payments were incorrectly allocated
3 on a system wide basis rather than directly to Utah, however, and this adjustment
4 makes the necessary correction.

5 **Hydro Relicensing Obligations** – Adjustment 8.7 includes in rate base the net
6 balance of the North Umpqua and Bear River FERC relicensing settlement
7 obligations and associated amortization expense. During the FERC relicensing
8 process, FERC required the Company to comply with several new requirements
9 as a condition for approval of the new license. The North Umpqua agreement is
10 for 35 years and Bear River is a 30 year agreement. FASB requires net present
11 value accounting of these future obligations, creating a regulatory asset and
12 offsetting liability on the Company’s books. The Company proposes a straight-
13 line amortization of these obligations. Whether there is a net asset or liability is
14 based on the timing of obligation payments verses the straight line amortization of
15 the asset. This amortization has two components, principal and interest. The
16 principal is amortized to account 404. The Company has filed an accounting
17 application requesting that the interest expense be recognized as an operating
18 expense rather than interest for regulatory purposes.

19 **Customer Advances** – Adjustment 8.8 corrects balances that were recorded in
20 the base period to a corporate location rather than state-specific locations. This
21 adjustment corrects the allocation of customer deposits by situs assignment of
22 those balances.

23 **Sale of Naches** – Adjustment 8.9 removes the net investment of the Naches

1 hydroelectric facility that was sold in fiscal year 2005.

2 **Sale of Skookumchuck** – Adjustment 8.10 removes all effects of the
3 Skookumchuck dam, gross plant, accumulated depreciation and deferred tax
4 balances, depreciation and operating expenses from the base year results of
5 operations. The project was sold because current generating costs to produce
6 power at the Skookumchuck hydroelectric unit was extremely high and was no
7 longer efficient for PacifiCorp to continue to operate. The Skookumchuck dam
8 was constructed for the purpose of holding and storing water for the Centralia
9 plant. Later the hydroelectric unit was added. The hydro dam and generating unit
10 were not sold initially with the Centralia plant because a few counties had
11 expressed interest in purchasing it. Since these counties no longer have the funds
12 to purchase the dam and hydroelectric unit, the Company is in the process of
13 selling Skookumchuck to Washington LLC, a limited liability Company formed
14 by TransAlta USA, Inc., the same entity that purchased the Centralia plant.

15 **Currant Creek Addition Phase I** – Adjustment 8.11 adds the investment,
16 depreciation, operating costs and property taxes into results.

17 **Q. Does this conclude your description of rate base adjustments?**

18 A. Yes.

19 **Q. Would you describe the rest of the Report?**

20 A. Yes. Tab 9, Rolled-In, is a re-cast of Tab 2 based on Rolled-In allocation. Tab
21 10, Allocation Factors, summarizes the derivation of the jurisdictional allocation
22 factors using the MSP Revised Protocol allocation methodology. Mr. Taylor
23 describes the derivation of these allocation factors in his testimony. Tabs B1

1 through B20 provide fiscal year 2004 unadjusted results by function. The Rolled-
2 In allocation methodology was provided since the Company has not received
3 approval from all jurisdictions to use Revised Protocol and hasn't yet made the
4 programming changes to produce these reports.

5 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

6 **A. Yes.**