

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT)
APPLICATION OF MIDAMERICAN) CASE NO. PAC-E-05-8
ENERGY HOLDINGS COMPANY (MEHC))
AND PACIFICORP DBA UTAH POWER &)
LIGHT COMPANY FOR AN ORDER)
AUTHORIZING MEHC TO ACQUIRE) ORDER NO. 29998
PACIFICORP)**

On July 15, 2005, PacifiCorp dba Utah Power & Light Company (“PacifiCorp”) and MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company (“MidAmerican”) filed a Joint Application requesting that the Commission authorize MidAmerican’s acquisition of PacifiCorp. PacifiCorp is a public utility subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction and provides retail electric service to nearly 60,000 customers in southeastern Idaho. MidAmerican is a privately held Iowa corporation engaged primarily in the production and delivery of energy from a variety of fuel sources. MidAmerican’s principal owner is Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. Before the transaction can be completed, the acquisition must be approved by the other five regulatory commissions in states where PacifiCorp provides service.

On December 16, 2005, most of the parties entered into an unopposed settlement Stipulation that resolved all the issues in the case. The settlement Stipulation also contained a “most favored nation” provision. This provision allows the Commission to review and adopt any “commitment” or condition ordered by the other five states. On February 13, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 29973 approving the acquisition conditioned upon 88 commitments incorporated into the Order. Referring to the “most favored nation” provision, the Commission stated that it expects “the Staff and other parties to apprise us if there are new or modified commitments [adopted in the other states] that would benefit Idaho ratepayers.” Order No. 29973 at 13.

On March 9, 2006, the parties met to review the final Orders and commitments issued in the other states. The parties in attendance then filed a Stipulated Motion to amend and add several Idaho commitments. Based upon our review of the Stipulated Motion and the proposed changes to the Idaho commitments, the Commission grants the Motion and adopts the additional stipulated commitments in this final Order.

THE PRIOR ORDER

In Order No. 29973 the Commission found that the Joint Applicants met their burden of demonstrating that the acquisition satisfied the statutory standards set out in *Idaho Code* § 61-328(3).¹ The Commission found that the 52 general and 36 Idaho-specific commitments satisfy the public interest standard. In particular, the hold-harmless and ring-fencing provisions isolate the credit risks of PacifiCorp from the credit risks of MidAmerican and other affiliates. Order No. 29973 at 12.

The Commission further found that MidAmerican's acquisition of PacifiCorp will not cause an increase in the rates for electrical service. More specifically, the Commission noted that the commitments provide that the acquisition premium will not be reflected on PacifiCorp's books. Although PacifiCorp filed a notice that it intends to file a general rate case in the near future, the Commission concluded that the acquisition transaction is sufficiently isolated to protect Idaho ratepayers. Moreover, Idaho customers will be the beneficiaries of future rate credits and expense reductions. *Id.*

The Commission also determined that MidAmerican has the intent and financial ability to operate and maintain PacifiCorp's electric system in Idaho. MidAmerican currently delivers energy services to approximately 1.4 million electric and natural gas customers. In addition, the commitments reflect MidAmerican's pledge to make investments to upgrade PacifiCorp's transmission and distribution systems. *Id.* at 13. Finally, the Order and the settlement Stipulation both recognize the "most favored nation" provision would allow the Commission to review and adopt any commitment ordered by the other five states, even after the Commission issued Order No. 29973.

THE STIPULATED MOTION

On March 9, 2006, the parties met to review the final orders and commitments issued in the other states.² The parties attending the meeting included: PacifiCorp, MidAmerican, the Commission Staff, Monsanto, the Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association, and the Community

¹ Before authorizing the acquisition "the Commission must find that: (1) the transaction is consistent with the public interest; (2) the transaction will not cause the cost of or rates for supplying electrical service to increase; and (3) that MidAmerican has the bona fide intent and financial ability to operate and maintain PacifiCorp's operations in Idaho." Order No. 29973 at 11 *citing Idaho Code* § 61-328(3).

² The Commission's prior Order No. 29973 was issued February 13, 2006. Washington issued its order on February 22, Oregon issued its order on February 24, and Wyoming issued its order on February 28, 2006.

Action Partnership Association of Idaho.³ At the conclusion of the meeting, the parties filed a Stipulated Motion urging the Commission to modify three commitments and add five new Idaho-specific commitments. As set out in the Motion, the parties recommend that Idaho-specific Commitment Nos. I 25 and I 31 be replaced with commitments from the Wyoming order. More specifically, I 25 is amended to reflect the Commission's jurisdiction over PacifiCorp's power transactions and I 31 updates language pertaining to PacifiCorp's A&G costs. The latter change also results in the deletion of Appendix 3 in the prior Order. The five new Idaho-specific commitments (I 37 through I 41) add new notice, safeguard, or benefit provisions. In particular, I 41 provides that PacifiCorp will initiate a collaborative process to collect data and develop programs to better serve Idaho low-income customers. Stipulated Motion at ¶ 8. The parties agree that the modified and additional commitments benefit Idaho ratepayers.

The parties assert that the modified and additional commitments meet the statutory standards for approval set out in *Idaho Code* § 61-328(3). Stipulated Motion ¶ 11. They also agree that MidAmerican and PacifiCorp will confer with the signatory before introducing any legislation in Idaho that would impact utility regulation through December 31, 2011. *Id.* at ¶ 12. They request that the Commission expeditiously consider the Stipulated Motion and the recommended commitments so that an Order can be issued no later than March 15, 2006. Issuing an Order by this date will allow the transaction to be completed by the end of March 2006. *Id.* at ¶ 14.

DISCUSSION

After reviewing the Stipulated Motion and the proposed changes to the Idaho commitments, we grant the Motion and adopt the modified and added commitments. We find that the new commitments will enhance the ring-fencing provisions and strengthen other notification and safeguard provisions. We further find these new commitments satisfy the statutory standards set out in *Idaho Code* § 61-328(3). Given the lack of any objection and the fact that these commitments strengthen those commitments previously approved by the Commission, we find it reasonable to expeditiously grant the Stipulated Motion.

For the benefit of the parties and the public, the commitments adopted in this Order will be merged with those previously approved commitments. The final Idaho commitments (52

³ J.R. Simplot Company did not attend the meeting but did sign the Stipulated Motion. Idaho Power Company and IBEW Local 57 were not in attendance but do not oppose the Stipulated Motion. Stipulated Motion at n.1.

general commitments and 41 Idaho-specific commitments) are attached and incorporated with this Order. Also included with this Order is Appendix 1 (PPW Holdings' Ring-fencing Provisions) and Appendix 2 (the Idaho-specific rate credit calculations).⁴

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties' Stipulated Motion to amend the Idaho commitments is granted. The Commission adopts the addition to General Commitment 11(c) and the changes to Idaho-specific commitments (I 25 and I 31). The new commitments (I 37 through I 41) are also accepted and adopted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the final Idaho commitments (52 general and 41 Idaho-specific commitments) are incorporated and attached to this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that through December 31, 2011, MidAmerican and PacifiCorp shall confer with the signators of the Stipulated Motion and provide timely drafts of legislation prior to introducing such legislation in the Idaho Legislature where the legislation would impact Idaho utility regulations.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order or in issues decided in this Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. See *Idaho Code* § 61-626.

⁴ Appendix 3 to Order No. 29973 is deleted based upon our adoption of the amended I 31 Commitment.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 14th
day of March 2006.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

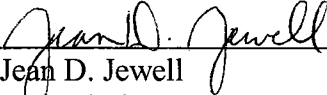


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**MEHC Acquisition of PacifiCorp
Idaho**

Consolidated List of Commitments

Commitments Applicable to All States

- 1) MEHC and PacifiCorp affirm the continuation (through March 31, 2008) of the existing customer service guarantees and performance standards in each jurisdiction. MEHC and PacifiCorp will not propose modifications to the guarantees and standards prior to March 31, 2008. Refer to Commitment 45 for the extension of this commitment through 2011.
- 2) Penalties for noncompliance with performance standards and customer guarantees shall be paid as designated by the Commission and shall be excluded from results of operations. PacifiCorp will abide by the Commission's decision regarding payments.
- 3) PacifiCorp will maintain its own accounting system, separate from MEHC's accounting system. All PacifiCorp financial books and records will be kept in Portland, Oregon. PacifiCorp's financial books and records and state and federal utility regulatory filings and documents will continue to be available to the Commission, upon request, at PacifiCorp's offices in Portland, Oregon, Salt Lake City, Utah, and elsewhere in accordance with current practice.
- 4) MEHC and PacifiCorp will provide the Commission access to all books of account, as well as all documents, data, and records of their affiliated interests, which pertain to transactions between PacifiCorp and its affiliated interests or which are otherwise relevant to the business of PacifiCorp. This commitment is also applicable to the books and records of Berkshire Hathaway, which shall retain its books and records relevant to the business of PacifiCorp consistent with the manner and time periods of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's record retention requirements that are applicable to PacifiCorp's books and records.
- 5) MEHC, PacifiCorp and all affiliates will make their employees, officers, directors, and agents available to testify before the Commission to provide information relevant to matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 6) The Commission or its agents may audit the accounting records of MEHC and its subsidiaries that are the bases for charges to PacifiCorp, to determine the reasonableness of allocation factors used by MEHC to assign costs to PacifiCorp and amounts subject to allocation or direct charges. MEHC agrees to cooperate fully with such Commission audits.
- 7) MEHC and PacifiCorp will comply with all applicable Commission statutes and regulations regarding affiliated interest transactions, including timely filing of applications and reports.

- 8) PacifiCorp will file on an annual basis an affiliated interest report including an organization chart, narrative description of each affiliate, revenue for each affiliate and transactions with each affiliate.
- 9) PacifiCorp and MEHC will not cross-subsidize between the regulated and non-regulated businesses or between any regulated businesses, and shall comply with the Commission's applicable orders and rules with respect to such matters.
- 10) Due to PUHCA repeal, neither Berkshire Hathaway nor MEHC will be registered public utility holding companies under PUHCA. Thus, no waiver by Berkshire Hathaway or MEHC of any defenses to which they may be entitled under *Ohio Power Co. v. FERC*, 954 F.2d 779 (D.C. Cir.), *cert. denied sub nom. Arcadia v. Ohio Power Co.*, 506 U.S. 981 (1992) ("*Ohio Power*"), is necessary to maintain the Commission's regulation of MEHC and PacifiCorp. However, while PUHCA is in effect, Berkshire Hathaway and MEHC waive such defenses.
- 11)
 - a) Any diversified holdings and investments (e.g., non-utility business or foreign utilities) of MEHC following approval of the transaction will not be held by PacifiCorp or a subsidiary of PacifiCorp. This condition will not prohibit MEHC or its affiliates other than PacifiCorp from holding diversified businesses.
 - b) Ring-fencing provisions for PPW Holdings LLC will include the provisions in Appendix 1. These provisions have been derived from those in effect for NNGC Acquisition, LLC as of December 1, 2005.
 - c) PacifiCorp will notify the Commission of any changes in the ring-fencing provisions. Such notice shall include verification that (i) the change has been approved by the independent director of PacifiCorp's parent company, and (ii) the rating agencies have confirmed that there will be no credit downgrade from the changed ring-fencing protections.
- 12) PacifiCorp or MEHC will notify the Commission subsequent to MEHC's board approval and as soon as practicable following any public announcement of: (1) any acquisition of a regulated or unregulated business representing 5 percent or more of the capitalization of MEHC; or (2) the change in effective control or acquisition of any material part or all of PacifiCorp by any other firm, whether by merger, combination, transfer of stock or assets.
- 13) The Intercompany Administrative Services Agreement (IASA) will include the corporate and affiliate cost allocation methodologies. The IASA will be filed with the Commission as soon as practicable after the closing of the transaction. Approval of the IASA will be requested if required by law or rule, but approval for ratemaking purposes will not be requested in such filing. Refer to Commitment 14 (f). Amendments to the IASA will also be filed with the Commission.

- 14) Any proposed cost allocation methodology for the allocation of corporate and affiliate investments, expenses, and overheads, required by law or rule to be submitted to the Commission for approval, will comply with the following principles:
 - a) For services rendered to PacifiCorp or each cost category subject to allocation to PacifiCorp by MEHC or any of its affiliates, MEHC must be able to demonstrate that such service or cost category is necessary to PacifiCorp for the performance of its regulated operations, is not duplicative of services already being performed within PacifiCorp, and is reasonable and prudent.
 - b) Cost allocations to PacifiCorp and its subsidiaries will be based on generally accepted accounting standards; that is, in general, direct costs will be charged to specific subsidiaries whenever possible and shared or indirect costs will be allocated based upon the primary cost-driving factors.
 - c) MEHC and its subsidiaries will have in place positive time reporting systems adequate to support the allocation and assignment of costs of executives and other relevant personnel to PacifiCorp.
 - d) An audit trail will be maintained such that all costs subject to allocation can be specifically identified, particularly with respect to their origin. In addition, the audit trail must be adequately supported. Failure to adequately support any allocated cost may result in denial of its recovery in rates.
 - e) Costs which would have been denied recovery in rates had they been incurred by PacifiCorp regulated operations will likewise be denied recovery whether they are allocated directly or indirectly through subsidiaries in the MEHC group.
 - f) Any corporate cost allocation methodology used for rate setting, and subsequent changes thereto, will be submitted to the Commission for approval if required by law or rule.
- 15) PacifiCorp will maintain separate debt and, if outstanding, preferred stock ratings. PacifiCorp will maintain its own corporate credit rating, as well as ratings for each long-term debt and preferred stock (if any) issuance.
- 16) MEHC and PacifiCorp will exclude all costs of the transaction from PacifiCorp's utility accounts. Within 90 days following completion of the transaction, MEHC will provide a preliminary accounting of these costs. Further, MEHC will provide the Commission with a final accounting of these costs within 30 days of the accounting close.
- 17) MEHC and PacifiCorp will provide the Commission with unrestricted access to all written information provided by and to credit rating agencies that pertains to PacifiCorp or MEHC. Berkshire Hathaway and MEHC will also provide the Commission with unrestricted access to all written information provided by and to

credit rating agencies that pertains to MEHC's subsidiaries to the extent such information may potentially impact PacifiCorp.

18)

- a) MEHC and PacifiCorp commit that PacifiCorp will not make any dividends to PPW Holdings LLC or MEHC that will reduce PacifiCorp's common equity capital below the following percentages of its Total Capital without Commission approval:

48.25% from the date of the close of the transaction through December 31, 2008;

47.25% from January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009;

46.25% from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010;

45.25% from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011;

44.00% after December 31, 2011.

- b) PacifiCorp's Total Capital is defined as common equity, preferred equity and long-term debt. Long-term debt is defined as debt with a term of more than one year. For purposes of calculating the numerator of the percentage, common equity will be increased by 50% of the remaining balance of preferred stock that was in existence prior to the acquisition of PacifiCorp by MEHC. PacifiCorp and MEHC will work with Commission staff to determine a percentage of common equity credit to apply to preferred stock issued by PacifiCorp after the acquisition of PacifiCorp by MEHC. In the absence of such an agreement between Commission staff and the Companies, MEHC and PacifiCorp agree to treat new issuances of preferred stock as 100% debt, unless a Commission order approves a different percentage.
- c) MEHC and PacifiCorp commit that PacifiCorp will not make any dividends to PPW Holdings LLC or MEHC that will reduce PacifiCorp's common equity capital below 35% of its Total Adjusted Capital without Commission approval. For purposes of calculating the numerator of the percentage, common equity will not include any portion of PacifiCorp preferred stock issued and outstanding. PacifiCorp's Total Adjusted Capital is defined as common equity, preferred equity, long-term debt, short-term debt and capitalized lease obligations.
- d) The Commission, on its own motion or at the request of any party, may reexamine the minimum common equity percentages as financial conditions or accounting standards warrant.
- 19) The capital requirements of PacifiCorp, as determined to be necessary to meet its obligation to serve the public, will be given a high priority by the Board of Directors of MEHC and PacifiCorp.
- 20) Neither PacifiCorp nor its subsidiaries will, without the approval of the Commission, make loans or transfer funds (other than dividends and payments pursuant to the Intercompany Administrative Services Agreement) to MEHC or its affiliates, or assume any obligation or liability as guarantor, endorser, surety or otherwise for

MEHC or its affiliates; provided that this condition will not prevent PacifiCorp from assuming any obligation or liability on behalf of a subsidiary of PacifiCorp. MEHC will not pledge any of the assets of the business of PacifiCorp as backing for any securities which MEHC or its affiliates (but excluding PacifiCorp and its subsidiaries) may issue.

- 21) MEHC and PacifiCorp, in future Commission proceedings, will not seek a higher cost of capital than that which PacifiCorp would have sought if the transaction had not occurred. Specifically, no capital financing costs should increase by virtue of the fact that PacifiCorp was acquired by MEHC.
- 22) [This Commitment number has intentionally been left blank. Commitment 22 is not available if a state selects Oregon-Specific Commitment 0 12 as Staff recommends in Idaho-Specific Commitment No. I 31.]
- 23) PacifiCorp will continue a Blue Sky tariff offering in all states. PacifiCorp will continue to support this offering through innovative marketing, by modifying the tariff to reflect the developing green power market and by monitoring national certification standards.
- 24) PacifiCorp will continue its commitment to gather outside input on environmental matters, such as through the Environmental Forum.
- 25) PacifiCorp will continue to have environmental management systems in place that are self-certified to ISO 14001 standards at all PacifiCorp operated thermal generation plants.
- 26) MEHC will maintain at least the existing level of PacifiCorp's community-related contributions, both in terms of monetary and in-kind contributions. The distribution of PacifiCorp's community-related contributions among the states will be done in a manner that is fair and equitable to each state.
- 27) MEHC will continue to consult with regional advisory boards to ensure local perspectives are heard regarding community issues.
- 28) MEHC will honor PacifiCorp's existing labor contracts.
- 29) After the closing of the transaction, MEHC and PacifiCorp will make no unilateral changes to employee benefit plans prior to May 23, 2007 that would result in the reduction of employee benefits.
- 30) PacifiCorp will continue to produce Integrated Resource Plans according to the then current schedule and the then current Commission rules and orders.
- 31) When acquiring new generation resources in excess of 100 MW and with a dependable life of 10 or more years, PacifiCorp and MEHC will issue Requests for

Proposals (RFPs) or otherwise comply with state laws, regulations and orders that pertain to procurement of new generation resources for PacifiCorp.

- 32) Nothing in these acquisition commitments shall be interpreted as a waiver of PacifiCorp's or MEHC's rights to request confidential treatment for information that is the subject of any commitments.
- 33) Unless another process is provided by statute, Commission regulations or approved PacifiCorp tariff, MEHC and PacifiCorp encourage the Commission to use the following process for administering the commitments. The Commission should give MEHC and PacifiCorp written notification of any violation by either company of the commitments made in this application. If such failure is corrected within ten (10) business days for failure to file reports, or five (5) business days for other violations, the Commission should take no action. The Commission shall have the authority to determine if the corrective action has satisfied or corrected the violation. MEHC or PacifiCorp may request, for cause, an extension of these time periods. If MEHC or PacifiCorp fails to correct such violations within the specified time frames, as modified by any Commission-approved extensions, the Commission may seek to assess penalties for violation of a Commission order, against either MEHC or PacifiCorp, as allowed under state laws and regulations.
- 34) Transmission Investment: MEHC and PacifiCorp have identified incremental transmission projects that enhance reliability, facilitate the receipt of renewable resources, or enable further system optimization. Subject to permitting and the availability of materials, equipment and rights-of-way, MEHC and PacifiCorp commit to use their best efforts to achieve the following transmission system infrastructure improvements¹:
- a) Path C Upgrade (~\$78 million) – Increase Path C capacity by 300 MW (from S.E. Idaho to Northern Utah). The target completion date for this project is 2010. This project:
- enhances reliability because it increases transfer capability between the east and west control areas,
 - facilitates the delivery of power from wind projects in Idaho, and
 - provides PacifiCorp with greater flexibility and the opportunity to consider additional options regarding planned generation capacity additions.
- b) Mona - Oquirrh (~\$196 million) – Increase the import capability from Mona into the Wasatch Front (from Wasatch Front South to Wasatch Front North). This project would enhance the ability to import power from new resources delivered at or to

¹ While MEHC has immersed itself in the details of PacifiCorp's business activities in the short time since the announcement of the transaction, it is possible that upon further review a particular investment might not be cost-effective, optimal for customers or able to be completed by the target date. If that should occur, MEHC pledges to propose an alternative to the Commission with a comparable benefit. The Commission may investigate the reasonableness of any determination by MEHC/PacifiCorp that one or more of the identified transmission investments is not cost-effective or optimal for customers.

Mona, and to import from Southern California by “wheeling” over the Adelanto DC tie. The target completion date for this project is 2011. This project:

- enhances reliability by enabling the import of power from Southern California entities during emergency situations,
- facilitates the acceptance of renewable resources, and
- enhances further system optimization since it enables the further purchase or exchange of seasonal resources from parties capable of delivering to Mona.

c) Walla Walla - Yakima or Mid-C (~\$88 million) – Establish a link between the “Walla Walla bubble” and the “Yakima bubble” and/or reinforce the link between the “Walla Walla bubble” and the Mid-Columbia (at Vantage). Either of these projects presents opportunities to enhance PacifiCorp’s ability to accept the output from wind generators and balance the system cost effectively in a regional environment. The target completion date for this project is 2010.

35) Other Transmission and Distribution Matters: MEHC and PacifiCorp make the following commitments to improve system reliability:

- a) investment in the Asset Risk Program of \$75 million over the three years, 2007-2009,
- b) investment in local transmission risk projects across all states of \$69 million over eight years after the close of the transaction,
- c) O & M expense for the Accelerated Distribution Circuit Fusing Program across all states will be increased by \$1.5 million per year for five years after the close of the transaction, and
- d) extension of the O&M investment across all states for the Saving SAIDI Initiative for three additional years at an estimated cost of \$2 million per year.
- e) MEHC and PacifiCorp will support the Bonneville Power Administration in its development of short-term products such as conditional firm. Based on the outcome from BPA’s efforts, PacifiCorp will initiate a process to collaboratively design similar products at PacifiCorp. PacifiCorp will continue its Partial Interim Service product and its tariff provision that allows transmission customers to alter pre-scheduled transactions up to twenty minutes before any hour, and will notify parties to this proceeding if it proposes changes to these two elements of its OATT.

36) Regional Transmission: MEHC recognizes that it can and should have a role in addressing the critical importance of transmission infrastructure to the states in which PacifiCorp serves. MEHC also recognizes that some transmission projects, while highly desirable, may not be appropriate investments for PacifiCorp and its regulated customers. Therefore, MEHC shareholders commit their resources and leadership to assist PacifiCorp states in the development of transmission projects upon which the states can agree. Examples of such projects would be RMATS and the proposed Frontier transmission line.

- 37) [This Commitment number has intentionally been left blank. Commitment 37 is not available if a state selects Oregon-Specific Commitment 0 14 as Staff recommends in Idaho-Specific Commitment No. I 32.].
- 38) [This Commitment number has intentionally been left blank. Commitment 38 is not available if a state selects Oregon-Specific Commitments 0 9 and 0 11 as Staff recommends in Idaho-Specific Commitment Nos. I 28 and I 30.]
- 39) Future Generation Options: In Commitment 31, MEHC and PacifiCorp adopt a commitment to source future PacifiCorp generation resources consistent with the then current rules and regulations of each state. In addition to that commitment, for the next ten years, MEHC and PacifiCorp commit that they will submit as part of any commission approved RFPs for resources with a dependable life greater than 10 years and greater than 100 MW, --including renewable energy RFPs --a 100 MW or more utility “own/operate” alternative for the particular resource. It is not the intent or objective that such alternatives be favored over other options. Rather, the option for PacifiCorp to own and operate the resource which is the subject of the RFP will enable comparison and evaluation of that option against other viable alternatives. In addition to providing regulators and interested parties with an additional viable option for assessment, it can be expected that this commitment will enhance PacifiCorp’s ability to increase the proportion of cost-effective renewable energy in its generation portfolio, based upon the actual experience of MEC and the “Renewable Energy” commitment offered below.
- 40) Renewable Energy: MEHC reaffirms PacifiCorp's commitment to acquire 1400 MW of new cost-effective renewable resources, representing approximately 7% of PacifiCorp's load. MEHC and PacifiCorp commit to work with developers and bidders to bring at least 100 MW of cost-effective wind resources in service within one year of the close of the transaction. MEHC and PacifiCorp expect that the commitment to build the Walla-Walla and Path C transmission lines will facilitate up to 400 MW of renewable resource projects with an expected in-service date of 2008 -2010. MEHC and PacifiCorp commit to actively work with developers to identify other transmission improvements that can facilitate the delivery of cost-effective wind energy in PacifiCorp’s service area. In addition, MEHC and PacifiCorp commit to work constructively with states to implement renewable energy action plans so as to enable PacifiCorp to achieve at least 1400 MW of cost-effective renewable energy resources by 2015. Such renewable energy resources are not limited to wind energy resources.
- 41) Coal Technology: MEHC supports and affirms PacifiCorp’s commitment to consider utilization of advanced coal-fuel technology such as super-critical or IGCC technology when adding coal-fueled generation.
- 42) Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction: MEHC and PacifiCorp commit to participate in the Environmental Protection Agency’s SF₆ Emission Reduction Partnership for Electric Power Systems. Sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆) is a highly potent greenhouse gas

used in the electric industry for insulation and current interruption in electric transmission and distribution equipment. Over a 100-year period, SF₆ is 23,900 times more effective at trapping infrared radiation than an equivalent amount of CO₂, making it the most highly potent, known greenhouse gas. SF₆ is also a very stable chemical, with an atmospheric lifetime of 3,200 years. As the gas is emitted, it accumulates in the atmosphere in an essentially un-degraded state for many centuries. Thus, a relatively small amount of SF₆ can have a significant impact on global climate change. Through its participation in the SF₆ partnership, PacifiCorp will commit to an appropriate SF₆ emissions reduction goal and annually report its estimated SF₆ emissions. This not only reduces greenhouse gas emissions, it saves money and improves grid reliability. Since 1999, EPA's SF₆ partner companies have saved \$2.5 million from the avoided gas loss alone. Use of improved SF₆ equipment and management practices helps protect system reliability and efficiency. Additionally, PacifiCorp will develop a strategy to identify and implement cost-effective measures to reduce PacifiCorp's greenhouse gas emissions.

- 43) Emission Reductions from Coal-Fueled Generating Plants: Working with the affected generation plant joint owners and with regulators to obtain required approvals, MEHC and PacifiCorp commit to install the equipment likely to be necessary under future emissions control scenarios at a cost of approximately \$812 million. Concurrent with any application for an air permit, MEHC and PacifiCorp will discuss its plans regarding this commitment with interested parties and solicit input. While additional expenditures may ultimately be required as future emission reduction requirements become better defined, MEHC believes these investments in emission control equipment are reasonable and environmentally beneficial. The execution of an emissions reduction plan for the existing PacifiCorp coal-fueled facilities, combined with the use of reduced-emissions coal technology for new coal-fueled generation, is expected to result in a significant decrease in the emissions rate of PacifiCorp's coal-fueled generation fleet. The investments to which MEHC is committing are expected to result in a decrease in the SO₂ emissions rates of more than 50%, a decrease in the NO_x emissions rates of more than 40%, a reduction in the mercury emissions rates of almost 40%, and no increase expected in the CO₂ emissions rate.
- 44) Energy Efficiency and DSM Management:
- a) MEHC and PacifiCorp commit to conducting a company-defined third-party market potential study of additional DSM and energy efficiency opportunities within PacifiCorp's service areas. The objective of the study will be to identify opportunities not yet identified by the company and, if and where possible, to recommend programs or actions to pursue those opportunities found to be cost-effective. The study will focus on opportunities for deliverable DSM and energy efficiency resources rather than technical potentials that may not be attainable through DSM and energy efficiency efforts. On-site solar and combined heat and power programs may be considered in the study. During the three-month period following the close of the transaction, MEHC and PacifiCorp will consult with DSM advisory groups and other interested parties to define the proper scope of the study.

The findings of the study will be reported back to DSM advisory groups, commission staffs, and other interested stakeholders and will be used by the Company in helping to direct ongoing DSM and energy efficiency efforts. The study will be completed within fifteen months after the closing on the transaction, and MEHC shareholders will absorb the first \$1 million of the costs of the study.

- b) PacifiCorp further commits to meeting its portion of the NWPPC's energy efficiency targets for Oregon, Washington and Idaho, as long as the targets can be achieved in a manner deemed cost-effective by the affected states.
 - c) In addition, MEHC and PacifiCorp commit that PacifiCorp and MEHC will annually collaborate to identify any incremental programs that might be cost-effective for PacifiCorp customers. The Commission will be notified of any additional cost-effective programs that are identified.
- 45) Customer Service Standards: MEHC and PacifiCorp commit to continue customer service guarantees and performance standards as established in each jurisdiction, provided that MEHC and PacifiCorp reserve the right to request modifications of the guarantees and standards after March 31, 2008, and the right to request termination (as well as modification) of one or more guarantees or standards after 2011. The guarantees and standards will not be eliminated or modified without Commission approval.
- 46) Community Involvement and Economic Development: MEHC has significant experience in assisting its communities with economic development efforts. MEHC plans to continue PacifiCorp's existing economic development practices and use MEHC's experience to maximize the effectiveness of these efforts.
- 47) Corporate Presence (All States): MEHC understands that having adequate staffing and representation in each state is not optional. We understand its importance to customers, to regulators and to states. MEHC and PacifiCorp commit to maintaining adequate staffing and presence in each state, consistent with the provision of safe and reliable service and cost-effective operations.
- 48) IRP Stakeholder Process: PacifiCorp will provide public notice and an invitation to encourage stakeholders to participate in the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) process. The IRP process will be used to consider Commitments 34, 39, 40, 41, 44 and 52. PacifiCorp will hold IRP meetings at locations or using communications technologies that encourage broad participation.
- 49) Reporting on Status of Commitments: By June 1, 2007 and each June 1 thereafter through June 1, 2011, PacifiCorp will file a report with the Commission regarding the implementation of the Commitments. The report will, at a minimum, provide a description of the performance of each of the commitments that have quantifiable results. If any of the commitments is not being met, relative to the specific terms of the commitment, the report shall provide proposed corrective measures and target

dates for completion of such measures. PacifiCorp will make publicly available at the Commission non-confidential portions of the report.

- 50) Pension Funding Policy: PacifiCorp will maintain its current pension funding policy, as described in the 2005 Actuarial Report, for a period of two years following the close of the transaction.
- 51) Subject to, and in consideration for, dismissal of all existing proceedings and no commencement of any future state regulatory proceeding against PacifiCorp involving or arising from the SEC PUHCA Audit Report of ScottishPower dated May 11, 2004, MEHC will contribute to PacifiCorp, at no cost to PacifiCorp, MEHC's stock ownership in the Intermountain Geothermal Company and the associated steam rights (approximately 70% of the total rights) to the steam resources serving PacifiCorp's Blundell geothermal plant and terminate MEHC's and Intermountain Geothermal Company's rights and obligations under the contracts. MEHC will assist PacifiCorp in determining the cost-effectiveness of acquiring the remaining 30% of the rights. No more than six months after the close of the transaction, MEHC will provide parties a clear and complete disclosure statement that details any potential liabilities and risks, identified by or for MEHC, associated with the ownership rights of MEHC in Intermountain Geothermal. MEHC also commits that PacifiCorp customers will not be harmed from the contribution to PacifiCorp of the Intermountain Geothermal steam resources and stock.
- 52) Upon closing, MEHC and PacifiCorp commit to immediately evaluate increasing the generation capacity of the Blundell geothermal facility by the amount determined to be cost-effective. Such evaluation shall be summarized in a report and filed with the Commission concurrent with the filing of PacifiCorp's next IRP. This incremental amount is expected to be at least 11 MW and maybe as much as 100 MW. All cost effective increases in Blundell capacity, completed before January 1, 2015, should be counted toward satisfaction of PacifiCorp's 1400 MW renewable energy goal, in an amount equal to the capacity of geothermal energy actually added at the plant.

