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Reference: Docket Number 07-035-08

Subject: Hazard Increases on Poles 34391 1 Due to Cross Arm Pole Fire.

An inspection of pole 343911 at noon on April 12, indicates that the two floating insulators on the lower arm cause an increase in leakage current. This leakage current appears to have ignited a cross arm fire the night of April 11, 2007. The fire has weakened the cross arm and pole. Rocky Mountain Powers lack of response has now increased the risk to the public. If Rocky Mountain Power had responded and replaced the failed wood insulator pins, the problem would have been resolved. Now that the pole and cross arm have suffered damage, the entire structure (pole and cross arms) must be replaced. This pole carries Millcreek Substation circuits #12 and #13. Replacement of this double circuit substation exit structure requires loads to be shifted to other circuits, or outages to both Millcreek Substation circuits #12 and #13 will be required.

PacifiCorp committed to correct all safety and maintenance problems on East Millcreek Circuit #12, in 2005. The serious deterioration of pole 343911 indicates years of neglect and the failure of PacifiCorp to meet the settlement conditions agreed to with residents of Millcreek Circuit #12. Failure to follow through with repairs promised Millcreek Circuit #12 customers, require that Docket 04-035-01 be reopened.

A photograph of the damage suffered on pole 34391, the night of April 11, 2007, is attached. A second photograph showing the insulator on the lower cross arm is also enclosed. Comparing this photograph to the photograph submitted on April 9, 2007, shows the pin insulator has shifted on the cross arm and is no longer centered on the cross arm. Movement of the insulator with respect to the cross arm is proof of violation of N.E.S.C. rule 261F1. State Public Service Commission Rule R746-310-1 and State Public Service Statue 54-7-25, required fines to be levied. The P.S.C. has authority to order immediate corrective action, State Public Service Statue 54-4-14.

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