- 1 Q. Please state your name, business address and present position with
- 2 PacifiCorp, dba Rocky Mountain Power ("the Company").
- 3 A. My name is Joelle R. Steward. My business address is 825 NE Multnomah Street,
- 4 Suite 2000, Portland, Oregon 97232. My present position is Director of Pricing,
- 5 Cost of Service, and Regulatory Operations in the Regulation Department.

6 Qualifications

- 7 Q. Please describe your education and professional background.
- 8 A. I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of
- 9 Oregon and a Masters of Public Affairs from the Hubert Humphrey Institute of
- 10 Public Policy at the University of Minnesota. Between 1999 and March 2007,
- I was employed as a Regulatory Analyst with the Washington Utilities and
- 12 Transportation Commission. I joined the Company in March 2007 as the
- Regulatory Manager responsible for all regulatory filings and proceedings in
- Oregon. I assumed my current position in February 2012, in which I direct the
- work of the cost of service, pricing, and regulatory operations groups.
- 16 Q. Have you appeared as a witness in previous regulatory proceedings?
- 17 A. Yes. I have testified in regulatory proceedings in Idaho, Oregon and Washington.
- 18 **Purpose of Testimony**
- 19 **Q.** What is the purpose of your testimony?
- 20 A. The purpose of my testimony is to address the Company's proposed allocation of
- 21 the deferred Renewable Energy Credit ("REC") revenues in the the REC
- Balancing Account ("RBA") and the resulting Schedule 98 REC rates in this case.

23 Proposed REC Revenue Spread

- 24 O. What is the total deferred REC revenue balance in this case?
- 25 A. The total deferred REC revenue balance is a credit to customers of \$3.3 million,
- as shown in Mr. Steven R. McDougal's Exhibit RMP___(SRM-1).
- Q. How does the Company propose to allocate the deferred REC revenue across
- 28 **customer classes?**
- 29 A. The Company proposes to allocate the deferred REC revenue across customer
- 30 classes consistent with the Step 1 rate spread approved by the Public Service
- Commission of Utah in Docket No. 11-035-200 ("2012 GRC"), with one
- modification. Since the Step 1 rate spread in the 2012 GRC for Schedules 7, 11,
- 33 12 and 15 (Metered Outdoor Nighttime Lighting) was zero, the Company
- proposes to calculate the deferred REC revenue spread in two steps: First, the
- deferred REC revenue allocation for Schedules 7, 11, 12 and 15 (Metered
- Outdoor Nighttime Lighting) is calculated with the total deferred REC revenue
- 37 times the percentage of these schedules' deferred REC revenue allocation from
- last REC proceeding in Docket No. 12-035-68. Then, the rest of the deferred REC
- revenues are allocated to the other customer classes consistent with the approved
- 40 Step 1 rate spread in the Company's 2012 GRC.
- 41 Q. What is the rationale for the proposed allocation of deferred REC revenues?
- 42 A. Previously, parties agreed to allocate the 2011 deferred REC revenues in Docket
- No. 12-035-68 using the F10 allocation from the cost of service stipulation in the
- 44 2011 general rate case in Docket No. 10-035-124. However, the stipulation in the
- 45 2012 GRC did not include an explicit agreement by the parties for allocating the

46 2012 deferred REC revenues on the F10 allocation from the cost of service study. 47 Therefore, the Company proposes to use the overall allocation for the Step 1 48 general rate case increase agreed to by the parties in the 2012 GRC. Since the 49 lighting schedules noted above were not allocated an increase in the 2012 GRC 50 because of the cost of service results in that case, the Company proposes to 51 impute an allocation consistent with the previously agreed upon allocation for 52 these schedules. The Company's proposed allocation of 2012 deferred REC 53 revenue is reasonable and fair because it is consistent with cost allocations 54 previously agreed on by parties.

55 Q. Please describe Exhibit RMP__(JRS-1).

A. Exhibit RMP__(JRS-1) contains the Company's proposed rate spread. On an overall basis, based on the forecast test period 12-months ending May 2013 from the 2012 GRC, this proposal would result in an overall credit of 0.17 percent to tariff customers in Utah. This is a slight reduction from the current credit in rates of 0.23 percent.

Proposed Rates for Schedule 98

56

57

58

59

60

61

62

63

64

65

66

67

Q. How were the proposed Schedule 98 rates developed for each rate schedule?

A. Consistent with the previous REC filings, the proposed rate for each schedule was developed as a percentage credit to apply to customers' Monthly Power Charges and Energy Charges. The percentage was calculated by dividing each rate schedule's allocated deferred REC revenue amount by the corresponding present revenues.

Page 3 – Direct Testimony of Joelle R. Steward

- 68 Q. Please describe Exhibit RMP__(JRS-2). 69 A. Exhibit RMP___(JRS-2) contains the billing determinants and the calculations of 70 the proposed REC rates in this case. 71 Q. Please describe Exhibit RMP___(JRS-3). 72 Exhibit RMP___(JRS-3) contains the proposed Schedule 98 reflecting the new A. rates. The Company requests that the proposed Schedule 98 rates become 73
- 74 effective on June 1, 2013.
- 75 Q. Did you include workpapers with this filing?
- 76 A. Yes. Workpapers have been included with this filing that detail the calculations77 shown in my exhibits.
- 78 Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?
- 79 A. Yes, it does.