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Julie P. Orchard
Commission Secretary
Public Service Commission of Utah
Heber M. Wells Building, 4th Floor
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Re: PacifiCorp Notice of Affiliate Transaction
Docket No. 05-035-54

Dear Ms. Orchard:

Pursuant to Commitment U3(2), incorporated in the Public Service Commission of Utah's *Report and Order* approving the *Acquisition of PacifiCorp by MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company*, issued January 27, 2006, as amended March 14, 2006, and June 5, 2006, Rocky Mountain Power hereby provides notice of an affiliate transaction and includes with this letter for filing an original and five (5) copies of the Quote from Marmon Utility, LLC ("Marmon Utility"), for the purchase of certain pin insulators needed for constructing, maintaining or repairing electric distribution lines. A copy of the Quote is included as Attachment A.

PacifiCorp is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company ("MEHC"). MEHC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc ("Berkshire"). Berkshire currently holds an approximate 64 percent interest in the Marmon Group. The Marmon Group consists of approximately 130 companies, divided into eleven business sectors including engineered wire and cable, industrial products and building wire. Therefore, Berkshire's ownership interest in the Marmon Group creates an affiliated interest.

Marmon Utility manufactures electrical distribution cable, cable systems and accessories for aerial and underground utility applications. Among the items manufactured by Marmon Utility is a pin insulator that would be beneficial to maintaining the reliability of the Company's distribution system. PacifiCorp's standards engineering group researched these pin insulators as a potential solution to an issue with covered jumpers tied to porcelain insulators eroding, eventually resulting in component failure. The porcelain insulators with hand ties became obsolete with the implementation of PacifiCorp's raptor policy. PacifiCorp's engineering standards group determined the clamp top insulator manufactured by Marmon Utility would help prevent component failures, should be used with all covered jumpers that require attachment to a pole or crossarm, and is consistent with PacifiCorp's raptor policy.

PacifiCorp intends to purchase these pin insulators for use in all six of its states and will hold a certain amount in inventory. The Company anticipates it will spend less than \$50,000 per year

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for these pin insulators. Marmon Utility is the only known manufacturer of this product. One other company indicated to PacifiCorp that it is in the process of developing a similar product, however no prototype is currently available for review. Based on this evaluation, PacifiCorp desires to purchase the pin insulators from Marmon Utility as a reasonable solution to maintaining the reliability of its distribution system by reducing the probabilities of component failures.

Please contact Daniel Solander, 801-220-4014 or Daniel.solander@pacificorp.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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