

January 12, 2012

## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND HAND DELIVERY

Julie P. Orchard Commission Secretary Public Service Commission of Utah Heber M. Wells Building 160 East 300 South Salt Lake City, Utah 84145

Re: Notice of Sole Source Contract with General Electric International

## Commissioners:

In accordance with the Company's procurement policy, we hereby notify you that PacifiCorp has entered into a sole source contract with General Electric International, Inc., which exceeds \$500,000. The contract for wind control software at the Wyoming wind farms has a cost of \$740,000.

A study indicates that the voltage controls at the Glenrock, Rolling Hills, Dunlap, and Seven Mile Hill wind farms must be placed in droop mode in order to provide stable voltage on the transmission system in eastern Wyoming. WindCONTROL, a General Electric proprietary software package, is the only available software that controls all aspects of the automated operation, including voltage control, at these wind farms. General Electric International is the only company capable of performing the updates, enabling the voltage droop mode, and testing the software.

The sole source contract was authorized by Chad Teply, Vice President, PacifiCorp, on August 4, 2011.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dave Taylor at 801-220-2923.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey K. Larsen Vice President, Regulation

cc: Division of Public Utilities
Office of Consumer Services