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

Re: PacifiCorp Notice of Affiliate Transaction

Docket No. 05-035-54

Dear Ms. Orchard:

This letter will serve as notice pursuant to Commitment U 3(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, of an affiliate interest transaction with Wells Fargo Securities, LLC (Wells Fargo). The Company selected Wells Fargo to be one of the four joint book running managers for a bond offering the Company intends to issue in the near future. A copy of the draft Confidential Form of Underwriting Agreement is included as Attachment A. Confidential Attachment A contains commercially-sensitive information and the Company requests that it be treated as confidential and filed under seal. This document contains a "draft" designation, which will be removed upon execution of the agreement. There are no material changes expected to the terms and conditions of the agreement.

PacifiCorp is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company (MEHC). MEHC is a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc (Berkshire Hathaway). As of March 31, 2010, Warren E. Buffet (an individual who may be deemed to control Berkshire Hathaway), Berkshire Hathaway, various subsidiaries of Berkshire Hathaway and various employee benefit plans of Berkshire Hathaway subsidiaries together held an interest in excess of 5 percent in Wells Fargo common stock, which may constitute an affiliate interest in some PacifiCorp jurisdictions.

PacifiCorp intends to issue a bond offering in the near future and has solicited underwriting proposals from a number of banks. Several banks, including Wells Fargo, provided information on indicative credit spreads, market conditions, their credit analysis, marketing plans and underwriting fees. The Company selected Wells Fargo as one of four joint book running managers for this bond offering based on the favorable indicative credit spreads, knowledge of the utility industry, the Company and its operations, ability to market the bonds to prospective investors, successful outcomes in prior underwriting for the Company, and reasonable underwriting fees. The selection of Wells Fargo was not influenced by Berkshire Hathaway's

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ownership interest. Wells Fargo's underwriting fees will be equal to the fees paid to each of the three other joint book running managers and at what PacifiCorp believes to be market rates or better for the Company. PacifiCorp anticipates Wells Fargo's underwriting fee will be approximately \$1,150,000.

As a public utility, the Company is expected to acquire, construct, improve, and maintain sufficient utility facilities to serve its customers adequately and reliably at reasonable cost. Issuance of bonds are part of a program to finance the Company's facilities taking into consideration prudent capital ratios, earning coverage tests and market uncertainties as to the relative merits of the various types of securities the Company could sell. Accordingly, the transaction is consistent with the public interest.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the above number or Dave Taylor at (801) 220-2923 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Very Truly Yours,

Daniel E. Solander Senior Counsel

cc: DPU

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