

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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In the Matter of the Application of PACIFICORP for an Investigation of Inter-Jurisdictional Issues	) ) ) ) )	<p style="text-align: right;"><u>Docket No. 02-035-04</u></p> <p><u>ORDER ON PACIFICORP'S APPLICATION TO INITIATE INVESTIGATION OF INTER-JURISDICTIONAL ISSUES</u></p>
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ISSUED: April 3, 2002

By the Commission:

On March 5, 2002, PacifiCorp filed an Application to Initiate Investigation of Inter-jurisdictional Issues. That application requested that the Commission initiate an investigation and participate in a multi-jurisdictional process to investigate various issues PacifiCorp claims arise as a consequence of its status as a utility subject to the jurisdiction of six state regulatory commissions. On March 11, 2002, the Commission issued a notice of the Application and invited interested parties to file comments on the Application no later than March 22, 2002. Comments were filed by the Division of Public Utilities and the Committee of Consumer Services supporting the multi-jurisdictional approach, but raising issues regarding some aspects of the proposed process.

This Commission is persuaded that an examination of inter-jurisdictional issues is appropriate, necessary, and in the public interest. Therefore we will grant, to the extent stated herein, the Company's Application and hereby initiate an investigation. By approving the investigation, however, we express no judgment about the issues listed by PacifiCorp in its Application.

We also agree with PacifiCorp's proposal that in advance of Utah-specific proceedings in this investigation, there be initiated a multi-state process ("MSP") to afford interested parties from all of the Company's jurisdictions an opportunity to identify and analyze inter-jurisdictional issues facing PacifiCorp, and to seek consensus concerning them. PacifiCorp has designated a facilitator for this process, and we have received no objection to the use of the designated person so long as the role is that of a facilitator. Commission staff and staff from the Division of Public Utilities will participate in the organizational meeting of the proposed multi-state process to be held in Boise, Idaho on April 10-12, 2002. All other interested parties from Utah are encouraged to participate either in person, or by telephone. A speakerphone link to the Boise meeting will be provided in the Commission's conference room, Room 427, 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. Further details about the multi-state process, including dates for subsequent meetings, are expected to emerge from the Boise meeting.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. PacifiCorp's Application to Initiate Investigation of Inter-Jurisdictional Issues is granted and approved to the extent stated herein.
2. Commission staff and staff from the Division of Public Utilities will, and other interested parties from Utah are encouraged, to participate in the MSP.
3. Any party wishing to participate in the Boise organizational meeting by telephone should notify Julie Orchard, Commission Secretary, at (801) 530-6713, at least one working day prior to the conference or hearing.
4. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations, including

auxiliary communications aids and services, during any conference or hearing in this docket should notify Julie Orchard, Commission Secretary, 160 East 300 South, Room 400, Box 45585, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0585, Telephone: (801) 530-6713, at least three working days in advance of the conference or hearing.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2002.

/s/ Stephen F. Mecham, Chairman

/s/ Constance B. White, Commissioner

/s/ Richard M. Campbell, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard,  
Commission Secretary

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