In the Matter of the Application of PacifiCorp for Approval of its Proposed Electric Service Schedules and Electric Service Regulations. \_

Docket No. 04-035-01

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MOTION TO WITHDRAW AARP'S JOINDER IN THE COMMITTEE OF CONSUMER SERVICES' PETITION TO EXTEND THE 30-DAY CUSTOMER CLAIM PERIOD AND OTHER RELIEF

Comes now AARP, by and through its counsel of record, and moves the Commission for an Order withdrawing AARP'S Joinder in the Committee of Consumer Services' Petition to Extend the 30-Day Customer Claim Period and Other Relief. AARP so moves for the reason that PacifiCorp has extended the time until February 26, 2004, for customers to file "customer guarantee" claims in connection with the December 2003 power outage.

AARP believes that PacifiCorp's agreement with the extension of time to file is both equitable and reasonable. AARP believes that there is confusion among Utah Power customers as to when the "Customer Guarantee Credit" is applicable, how to apply for it, and how much the credit may be. In this case AARP believes that the confusion may have been exacerbated by a statement of Mr. Bob Moir, Senior Vice President of PacifiCorp, when he stated at the Commission proceeding on January 6, 2004, as follows:

And as far as the PSC is concerned, Utah Power is declaring this as a major event--as putting forward as a major event, largely because of the number of customers effected, extended damage on our system and un -- I mean, we see it as a force majeure event. (TR. 14, lines 8-13.)

Customers may have believed that "major event" status had been established by this declaration and

accordingly there was no availability of a credit and no need to make a claim. In any event, AARP recommends that in

PacifiCorp's next general rate case consideration be given to the "Customer Guarantee Credit" process. More specifically, that following a 24-hour or more power interruption, PacifiCorp be required to file a pleading with the Commission seeking a determination as to whether the interruption was a "major event" or not. If the Commission determines that the interruption was not a major event, then affected customers should be so notified and be given a reasonable time to file claims.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2004.

Dale F. Gardiner Attorney for AARP

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 18th day of February, 2004, I caused to be e-mailed and mailed, first class, postage

prepaid, a true and correct copy of the foregoing MOTION TO WITHDRAW AARP'S JOINDER IN THE

## COMMITTEE OF CONSUMER SERVICES' PETITION TO EXTEND THE 30-DAY CUSTOMER CLAIM

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