

1 **Q. Please state your name, business address, and present position with Rocky**
2 **Mountain Power (the Company), a division of PacifiCorp.**

3 A. My name is Steven R. McDougal, and my business address is 201 South Main,
4 Suite 2300, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111. I am currently employed as the director
5 of revenue requirements for the Company.

6 **Qualifications**

7 **Q. Please briefly describe your education and business experience.**

8 A. I received a Master of Accountancy from Brigham Young University with an
9 emphasis in Management Advisory Services in 1983 and a Bachelor of Science
10 degree in Accounting from Brigham Young University in 1982. In addition to my
11 formal education, I have also attended various educational, professional, and
12 electric industry-related seminars. I have been employed by Rocky Mountain
13 Power or its predecessor companies since 1983. My experience at Rocky
14 Mountain Power includes various positions within regulation, finance, resource
15 planning, and internal audit.

16 **Q. Please describe your present duties.**

17 A. My primary responsibilities include overseeing the calculation and reporting of
18 the Company's regulated earnings or revenue requirement, assuring that the inter-
19 jurisdictional cost allocation methodology is correctly applied, and explaining
20 those calculations to regulators in the jurisdictions in which the Company
21 operates.

22 **Q. Have you testified in previous proceedings?**

23 A. Yes. I have provided testimony before the Utah Public Service Commission, the

24 Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, the California Public
25 Utilities Commission, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, the Wyoming
26 Public Service Commission, and the Utah State Tax Commission.

27 **Purpose of Testimony**

28 **Q. What is the purpose of your direct testimony?**

29 A. My direct testimony addresses the calculation of the Company's Utah-allocated
30 revenue requirement and the revenue increase requested in the Company's
31 application. In support of this calculation, I provide testimony on the following:

- 32 • A summary of the calculation of the \$66.9 million requested rate increase.
- 33 • Details of the test period utilized in this case, the twelve months ending
34 June 30, 2010 ("Test Period"), and the Company's process for compiling
35 the Test Period revenue requirement.
- 36 • Based on the Utah-allocated adjusted results of operations for the Test
37 Period, current rates without the requested increase will produce an overall
38 return on equity ("ROE") in Utah of 8.9 percent.

39 **Revenue Requirement Summary**

40 **Q. What price increase is required to achieve the requested ROE in this case?**

41 A. Exhibit RMP____(SRM-1) provides a summary of the Company's Utah-allocated
42 results of operations for the Test Period, twelve months ending June 30, 2010. At
43 current rate levels Rocky Mountain Power will earn an overall ROE in Utah of
44 8.9 percent during the Test Period. This return is less than the 11.0 percent return
45 recommended by Dr. Samuel C. Hadaway in this case. An overall price increase
46 of \$79.4 million would be required to produce the 11.0 percent ROE requested by

47 the Company in this proceeding to provide a fair and equitable return for the
48 Company's shareholders. In this case the price increase is limited to \$66.9 million
49 due to the Rate Mitigation Cap.

50 **Q. Please explain the Rate Mitigation Cap.**

51 A. The Company's calculations of Utah's results of operations and the associated
52 ROE are based on the Revised Protocol allocation method as approved by the
53 Commission in Docket No. 02-035-04. One component of the stipulation
54 approved by the Utah PSC in that docket is the Rate Mitigation Cap. The
55 stipulation states:

56 "In order to mitigate potential rate impacts on Utah customers, any
57 increase in the Utah revenue requirement as a result of the implementation
58 of the Revised Protocol shall be capped at the Applicable Percentage of
59 the Company's Utah Revenue Requirement calculated under the Rolled-In
60 Allocation Method for the indicated effective periods as follows:

61 a. 101.5 percent for the period from the effective date of the final PSCU
62 order in the first general rate proceeding filed after the effective date of
63 this Stipulation and the Revised Protocol, to March 31, 2007.

64 b. 101.25 percent for the period from April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2009."¹

65 "for the Company's fiscal years beginning April 1, 2009 through March
66 31, 2014, for all general rate proceedings, the Company's Utah revenue
67 requirement to be used for purposes of setting rates for Utah customers
68 will be the lesser of: (1) the Company's Utah revenue requirement
69 calculated under the Rolled-In Allocation Method multiplied by 101.00
70 percent; or (ii) the Company's Utah revenue requirement resulting from
71 the Revised Protocol."²

72 For purposes of this case the Company utilized a 101.00 percent cap which
73 reduces Utah's revenue requirement by \$12.5 million. Consequently, the

¹ Stipulation in Docket No. 02-035-04, page 3.

² Stipulation in Docket No. 02-035-04, page 4.

74 Company is requesting a price change of \$66.9 million as shown in my Exhibit
75 RMP___(SRM-1) page 1.

76 **Q. Please explain the key area where the Company has experienced cost**
77 **increases that support the \$66.9 million required price increase.**

78 A. The Company continues to incur cost increases to serve its customers through its
79 capital investment plan, which is the main driver of the revenue requirement
80 increase requested in this case. The Company is planning to add \$2.1 billion in
81 new electric plant in service between December 2008 and June 2010. As a result,
82 the total Company average electric plant in service during the test period will be
83 over \$1.4 billion higher than the December 31, 2008 actual level. This increase
84 includes the following:

- 85 • Steam and Hydro plant additions of \$308 and \$51 million respectively.
- 86 • Other plant additions, mainly wind, of \$543 million. This case includes the
87 McFadden Ridge I wind project, described in the testimony of Mr. A.
88 Robert Lasich, as well as well as recovery of a greater portion of various
89 new generating facilities that were only partially included in the last case
90 by virtue of the average rate base convention.
- 91 • Over \$200 million in new transmission investment.
- 92 • Distribution plant additions of \$243 million, with \$118 million being
93 within the state of Utah.

94

95 **Test Period and Revenue Requirement Preparation**

96 **Q. What test period did the Company use to determine revenue requirement in**
97 **this case?**

98 A. The Company projected results of operations for the period of time beginning July
99 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2010. The Test Period utilizes an average (13
100 month) rate base with a calendar year 2008 historical base period.

101 **Q. Why did the Company utilize the year ending June 30, 2010, as the Test**
102 **Period?**

103 A. The Test Period is based on the all-party Test Period Stipulation reached May 13,
104 2009, and subsequently approved by the Commission at hearing on May 21, 2009.
105 The Company believes the Test Period is conservative and balances the need for
106 adequate cost recovery with the need for transparency and risk sharing between
107 the Company and its customers.

108 **Q. Please explain how the newly-enacted Utah Code Annotated Section 54-7-**
109 **13(4), passed as part of Senate Bill 75, affected the Company's Test Period.**

110 A. Section 54-7-13(4) allows a utility to recover the costs of major plant additions by
111 filing an application for approval of a major plant addition within 150 days from
112 the capital addition's scheduled in service date. Per this statute, a major plant
113 addition is defined as "any single capital investment project of a gas corporation
114 or an electrical corporation that in total exceeds 1 percent of the gas corporation's
115 or electrical corporation's rate base". The Company has identified four major
116 projects for which it currently intends to seek cost recovery via separate major
117 plant addition filings under this statute during 2010.

118 **Q. Are any of the major plant additions included in the Test Period in this case?**

119 A. No. Rocky Mountain Power has removed the Dave Johnston power plant scrubber
120 investment and the Ben Lomond to Terminal transmission line segment from the
121 June 2010 test period. Two other major plant additions are scheduled to go into
122 service later in 2010 and will also be addressed through major plant addition rate
123 recovery.

124 **Q. Please explain how the Company developed the revenue requirement for the**
125 **Test Period.**

126 A. Revenue requirement preparation began with historical accounting information; in
127 this case the Company used the twelve months ended December 31, 2008. Each
128 of the revenue requirement components in that historical period was analyzed to
129 determine if an adjustment would be warranted to reflect normal operating
130 conditions. The historical information was adjusted to recognize known,
131 measurable, and anticipated events and to include previously ordered Commission
132 adjustments.

133 **Q. What is the significance of Rocky Mountain Power's method of beginning**
134 **with historical information?**

135 A. The Company begins with historical accounting information and makes discrete
136 adjustments to arrive at the Test Period revenue requirement. Beginning with
137 historical information provides a realistic foundation that is readily available for
138 audit by all participants involved in the case. Individual adjustments are also
139 available for review, and regulators and intervenors may determine each
140 adjustment's relevance and accuracy.

141 **Q. Please summarize the process used to adjust the historical accounting**
142 **information to reflect Test Period results of operations.**

143 A. Historical retail revenue is first adjusted to reflect normal weather conditions and
144 remove items that should not be included in regulated results. Revenue is also
145 adjusted for the effect of applying the current Commission-approved tariff rates to
146 the Test Period load projection. The testimony of Dr. Peter C. Eelkema describes
147 the comprehensive approach used to project Test Period loads for this case. Net
148 power costs were developed using the Generation & Regulation Initiative
149 Decision (“GRID”) model, which has been used extensively in prior general rate
150 cases and other regulatory proceedings in Utah. The calculation of Test Period net
151 power costs is described in the testimony of Company witness Mr. Gregory N.
152 Duvall. Historical operations and maintenance (“O&M”) expenses, excluding net
153 power costs, were split into labor and non-labor components. Non-labor costs
154 were adjusted for projected price changes using nationally-recognized inflation
155 indices provided by Global Insight and for other discrete changes required to
156 reflect conditions expected during the Test Period. Historical labor costs were also
157 adjusted for expected increases through the end of the Test Period. Rate base was
158 adjusted to capture planned additions to electric plant in service, with the
159 exception of projects which will be included in major plant addition applications,
160 and known changes to other rate base items. In addition, asset retirements and
161 accumulated depreciation were walked forward through the end of the Test Period
162 based on composite retirement and depreciation rates by plant function. Specific
163 adjustments are described in greater detail later in my testimony and exhibits

164 where I explain the development of the Utah results of operations.

165 **Q. How has the Company addressed areas where the expected change in O&M**
166 **is different than the price changes projected by Global Insight?**

167 A. The revenue requirement developed in the case was compared to the Company's
168 budget on a high level, and the Company's business units provided regulation
169 with any areas where budgets were significantly different than adjusted amounts.
170 When differences were identified the business units provided support for changes
171 in the number or frequency of activities. Examples of these types of adjustments
172 are the Utah Automated Meter Reading ("AMR") adjustment (Adjustment 4.18)
173 which reflects efficiencies from the automated meter reading project, and the
174 Incremental Generation O&M adjustment (Adjustment 4.6) which includes the
175 cost of operating and maintaining new plants. These adjustments are necessary
176 because inflation indices are applied to costs for existing units of production
177 which will not capture changes in volume or processes. Finally, in this case an
178 adjustment is made to reduce non-power cost O&M expense to the level in the
179 Company's budget.

180 **Utah Results of Operations**

181 **Q. Please describe Exhibit RMP___(SRM-2).**

182 A. Exhibit RMP___(SRM-2), which was prepared under my direction, is Rocky
183 Mountain Power's Utah results of operations report (the "Report"). The historical
184 starting point for the Report is the twelve months ended December 31, 2008,
185 which was normalized and used to calculate the revenue requirement for the Test
186 Period, the twelve months ending June 30, 2010. The Report provides totals for

187 revenue, expenses, depreciation, net power costs, taxes, rate base, and loads in the
188 Test Period. Electric plant in service, accumulated depreciation, and amortization
189 reserve balances are calculated using a thirteen month average (matching
190 generation investment with maintenance and net power costs). All other rate base
191 items use a 2008 historical year end starting point and if applicable are forecasted
192 out to a June 2009 and June 2010 average amount. The Report presents operating
193 results for the period in terms of both return on rate base and ROE.

194 **Q. Please describe how Exhibit RMP ___(SRM-2) is organized.**

195 A. The Report is organized into sections marked with tabs. Tab 1 Summary contains
196 the Utah-allocated results according to the Revised Protocol allocation
197 methodology. Page 1.0 is the calculation of the capped revised protocol price
198 change of \$66.9 million. It details the calculation of the Rate Mitigation Cap
199 which compares the revenue requirement from the Rolled-In allocation method to
200 the Revised Protocol allocation method and caps the increase at the lower of
201 Revised Protocol or 101.0 percent of Rolled-In. Page 1.1, starting with the left-
202 hand column 1 labeled Total Adjusted Results, displays the Utah results of
203 operations for the Test Period. The Total Adjusted Results column is carried
204 forward from the results of operations summary, page 2.2, and shows a ROE for
205 Utah of 8.9 percent. The Price Change (column 2 of Tab 1, page 1.1) shows that
206 an increase of \$79.4 million in revenues is required to increase the return on
207 equity from 8.9 percent to 11.00 percent in Utah. Column 3 reflects the Utah
208 adjusted revenue requirement of \$1.55 billion with the \$79.4 million price
209 increase included. Page 1.2 of Tab 1 supports the calculation of additional

210 revenue-related uncollectible expense and franchise taxes associated with the
211 price change requested in column 2. Page 1.3 details the calculation of the net
212 operating income percentage. Page 1.4 shows the same details as page 1.1 under
213 the Rolled-In rather than the Revised Protocol allocation method. It is used in
214 calculating the rate mitigation cap on page 1.0. Pages 1.5 through 1.6 contain a
215 summary of adjustments made to the actual results to arrive at the Test Period.

216 Tab 2 details Total Company and Utah-allocated results based on the
217 Revised Protocol allocation methodology. Pages 2.3 through 2.39 contain Total
218 Company and Utah-allocated revenue, expenses and rate base detail by FERC
219 account. Supporting documentation for the data in Tab 2, along with the
220 normalizing adjustments required to reflect on-going costs of the Company, is
221 provided under Tabs 3 through 8. The calculation of these adjustments is
222 described later in my testimony. Tab 9 is Tab 2 restated with the Utah allocation
223 based on the Rolled-In allocation method. Tab 10 contains the calculation of the
224 Revised Protocol allocation factors.

225 **Tab 3 – Revenue Adjustments**

226 **Q. Please describe the information contained behind Tab 3 Revenue**
227 **Adjustments.**

228 A. Tab 3 begins with the Revenue Adjustment Index (page 3.0.1) followed by a
229 numerical summary and the specific adjustments. The numerical summary (page
230 3.0.2) identifies each adjustment made to actual revenues, and the adjustment's
231 impact on the case. Each column has a numerical reference to a corresponding
232 page in Exhibit RMP____(SRM-2), which contains a lead sheet showing the

233 affected FERC account(s), allocation factor, dollar amount and a brief description
234 of the adjustment.

235 **Q. Please describe the adjustments made to revenue in Tab 3.**

236 A. **Pro-Forma Revenue (page 3.1)** – This adjustment begins with December 2008
237 general business revenues and adjusts to the pro forma level for the twelve
238 months ending June 2010 based on forecasted loads.

239 **Wheeling Revenue (page 3.2)** – This adjustment reflects the level of wheeling
240 revenues the Company expects in the 12 months ending June 30, 2010 by
241 adjusting the actual revenues for the 12 months ended December 31, 2008 for
242 normalizing, annualizing, and pro forma changes.

243 **West Valley Reserve Revenue (page 3.3)** – The current GRID model for this
244 filing includes reserves that the Company provides to the West Valley plant,
245 which the Company no longer leases or operates. This adjustment takes the
246 expected West Valley generation level included in the GRID model and
247 multiplies it by the OASIS reserve tariff to calculate the expected revenue from
248 the West Valley plant. This adjustment is not related to the removal of the West
249 Valley lease in Adjustment 5.2.

250 **SO₂ Emission Allowances (page 3.4)** – The Environmental Protection Agency
251 (“EPA”) has established guidelines that govern the volume of sulfur dioxide
252 (“SO₂”) that can be emitted from power plants and granted the issuance of SO₂
253 emission allowances to cover each ton emitted. Plants that are not in compliance
254 with EPA guidelines may purchase emission allowances from other companies
255 that have excess allowances. Consistent with the Commission order in Docket No.

256 97-035-01, the Company has amortized sales of emission allowances over a four-
257 year period. This adjustment replaces the sales from the historical period with the
258 appropriate annual amortization, taking into account projected sales through the
259 Test Period.

260 **Green Tag Revenue (page 3.5)** – A market for green tags or Renewable Energy
261 Credits (“REC”) is developing where the tag or green traits of qualifying power
262 production facilities can be detached and sold separately from the power itself.
263 Generally, wind, solar, geothermal and some other resources qualify as renewable
264 resources, although each state may have a slightly different definition. California
265 and Oregon have renewable portfolio standards that limit the Company's ability to
266 sell green tags. Therefore, this adjustment reverses actual sales and allocates the
267 sales for the 12 months ended June 2010 to the remaining jurisdictions.

268 **Revenue Correcting (page 3.6)** – During 2008 several entries were booked to the
269 incorrect FERC accounts and/or locations. This adjustment corrects the
270 accounting entries to reflect proper account assignment and allocation factors.

271 **Tab 4 – O&M Adjustments**

272 **Q. Please describe the information contained behind Tab 4 O&M Adjustments.**

273 A. Tab 4 includes the O&M Index (page 4.0.1) followed by a numerical summary
274 and the specific adjustments. The numerical summary (pages 4.0.2 – 4.0.4)
275 identifies each adjustment made to actual operations, maintenance, administrative,
276 and general expenses and that adjustment’s impact on the case. Each column has a
277 numerical reference to a corresponding page in Exhibit RMP____(SRM-2), which
278 contains a lead sheet showing the affected FERC account(s), allocation factor,

279 dollar amount, and a brief description of the adjustment.

280 **Q. Please describe the adjustments made to O&M expense in Tab 4.**

281 A. **Miscellaneous General Expense (page 4.1)** – This adjustment removes certain
282 miscellaneous expenses that should have been charged below the line to non-
283 regulated expense accounts.

284 **Wage & Employee Benefits (page 4.2)** – Labor-related costs for the Test Period
285 are computed by adjusting salaries, incentives, benefits, and costs associated with
286 FAS 87 (pension), FAS 106 (post retirement benefits) and FAS 112 (post
287 employment benefits) for changes expected beyond the actual costs experienced
288 in 2008. Union contract agreements are used to escalate union labor group wages,
289 while increases for non-union and exempt employees were based on budgeted
290 increases. Incentive compensation, used by the Company to deliver market
291 competitive pay structured in a manner that benefits customers with safe,
292 adequate, and reliable electric service at a reasonable cost, is included at the
293 budgeted level for the Test Period. Pension expense and other employee benefit
294 costs were also itemized starting with 2008 and adjusted to the budgeted expense
295 for the Test Period. These projections were provided by Mr. Erich Wilson and are
296 supported in his testimony.

297 Page 4.2.1 provides further description of the procedure used to compute
298 Test Period labor costs. Page 4.2.2 of Exhibit RMP___(SRM-2) starts with a
299 numerical summary of actual labor costs in 2008 and summarizes the adjustments
300 made to project costs to reflect the Test Period expense. This summary is
301 followed by the detailed worksheets on pages 4.2.3 through 4.2.12 used to adjust

302 the labor costs forward to the Test Period.

303 **O&M Expense Escalation (page 4.3)** – This adjustment revises non-labor
304 expenses for projected price changes through the Test Period. Changes are based
305 on indices produced by Global Insight, which provides a detailed assessment of
306 the electric market both historically and into the future. The Company applies
307 Global Insight indices to costs for materials and services only. Labor-related
308 expenses were segregated from non-labor-related expenses and were escalated
309 separately as described earlier in my testimony.

310 Global Insight’s indices are prepared at the FERC functional subcategory
311 level and are denoted with their corresponding FERC account number. The
312 individual FERC account level indices are then combined into broader indices
313 representing operation, maintenance, or total operation and maintenance
314 expenses. The Global Insight data is proprietary and subject to copyright
315 protection. The indices utilized in the Company’s filing are provided in
316 confidential Exhibit RMP___(SRM-3).

317 **MEHC Transition Savings (page 4.4)** – This adjustment removes from the
318 historical results an entry crediting expense to establish a Wyoming MEHC
319 change-in-control severance regulatory asset. Deferral of MEHC transition costs
320 was not allowed by the Commission’s order in Docket No. 07-035-04 issued
321 January 3, 2008.

322 **Irrigation Load Control Program (page 4.5)** – Incentive payments made to
323 Idaho customers participating in the irrigation load control program were initially
324 system allocated in unadjusted data. This adjustment corrects that allocation and

325 assigns these costs directly to Idaho consistent with other demand side
326 management programs.

327 **Incremental Generation O&M (page 4.6)** – Generation O&M expenses for
328 generation plants placed in service during 2008 are adjusted to the level expected
329 in the Test Period. Such generation plants include the Goodnoe Hills wind plant,
330 Marengo II wind plant, Glenrock wind plant, Seven Mile Hill wind plant, Seven
331 Mile Hill II wind plant, and the Chehalis gas plant. Incremental O&M expenses
332 are also added for generating units that were not in service during the twelve
333 months ended December 2008 but will be in service during the twelve months
334 ending June 2010.

335 Additionally, this adjustment removes funding received during 2008 from
336 the Energy Trust of Oregon (“ETO”) related to the Goodnoe Hills wind plant.

337 This is consistent with the stipulation in Docket No. 08-035-38 which stated:

338 “The Parties agree that the overall revenue requirement in this Stipulation
339 does not include any consideration of funds received by Rocky Mountain
340 Power from the ETO pursuant to the project funding agreement for the
341 Company’s Goodnoe Hills wind plant. As a result, if the Stipulation is
342 approved, Utah will retain its full share of renewable energy credits
343 associated with Goodnoe Hills.”

344 **Remove Non-Recurring Entries (page 4.7)** – A few accounting entries were
345 made to expense accounts during the twelve months ended December 2008 that
346 are non-recurring in nature or relate to a prior period. These transactions are
347 removed from results of operations to normalize the Test Period results. Details
348 on the specific items in the adjustment can be found on page 4.7.1 of Exhibit
349 RMP___(SRM-2).

350

351 **MEHC Affiliate Management Fee Commitment (page 4.8)** – This adjustment
352 complies with the MEHC acquisition commitment 38 which states:

353 “MEHC commits that the corporate charges to PacifiCorp from MEHC
354 and MEC will not exceed \$9 million annually for a period of five years
355 after the closing on the proposed transaction.”

356 The billings for the period twelve months ended December 2008 were below this
357 limit. This adjustment removes the below the line portion of the billing included
358 in base year results.

359 **Preliminary Plant Expense (page 4.9)** – The Company researched the
360 possibility of installing generators at compressor stations along the Kern River
361 pipeline. After this project was abandoned by the Company, the costs initially
362 incurred were written off to FERC Account 557. This adjustment removes this
363 write-off from regulatory results of operations.

364 **Advertising Expense (page 4.10)** – This adjustment removes certain advertising
365 expenses from 2008 unadjusted regulatory results that should have been booked
366 below the line. Consistent with Docket No. 08-035-38, the Company agreed to
367 directly assign identifiable general rate case advertising; therefore, this adjustment
368 removes general rate case advertising originally allocated on a system-wide basis
369 and assigns the costs directly to the jurisdiction for which the advertising expense
370 was incurred.

371 **Leaning Juniper Warranty (page 4.11)** – This adjustment removes the warranty
372 costs for the Leaning Juniper I wind plant because the warranty expired in
373 September 2008. This adjustment is consistent with the Utah Commission order in
374 Docket No. 07-035-93.

375 **Utah Distribution Expense (page 4.12)** – This adjustment is necessary to
376 normalize Utah distribution corrective and preventative maintenance expense for
377 the year ended December 31, 2008. For the months of September through
378 December 2008 the Company temporarily decreased spending for Utah
379 distribution corrective and preventative maintenance to keep Utah costs in line
380 with the amount the Company was allowed to recover by rates set in Docket No.
381 07-035-93. In 2009 the Company returned to normal activity levels and this
382 adjustment is needed to reflect Utah distribution expense at a sustainable and
383 normal annual level.

384 **Pension Curtailment (page 4.13)** – The Commission's Order in Docket No. 08-
385 035-93 approved a stipulation permitting deferral and amortization of the pension
386 curtailment gain resulting from employee participation in the 401(k) retirement
387 plan option and for deferral and amortization of the increase in the pension and
388 other postretirement welfare expense caused by the change in the annual
389 measurement date mandated by FAS 158. Amortization of the measurement date
390 change began on the books effective January 1, 2008. Amortization of the
391 curtailment gain began on the books effective January 1, 2009. This adjustment
392 removes the Utah actual 2008 amortization and replaces it with the pro forma Test
393 Period amortization. This adjustment also reverses an entry for the Idaho portion
394 booked in 2008.

395 **WECC Fees (page 4.14)** – Since its formation, the Western Electric Coordinating
396 Council (“WECC”) has been responsible for coordinating and promoting electric
397 system reliability. Recently, WECC's role has significantly expanded into the

398 compliance area, including enforcing auditing compliance standards and
399 supporting power markets and non-discriminatory transmission access among
400 members. This adjustment includes the increase in mandated membership WECC
401 fees over the amount incurred in 2008.

402 **Generation Overhaul Expense (page 4.15)** – This adjustment normalizes
403 generation overhaul expenses using a four year average methodology. Overhaul
404 expenses from 2005 through 2007 are escalated to a 2008 level using escalation
405 indices, and then those escalated expenses are averaged. For new generating units,
406 which include Currant Creek, Lake Side, and Chehalis, the four year average is
407 comprised of the overhaul expense planned for the first four full years these plants
408 are operational. The actual overhaul costs for the year ended December 2008 are
409 subtracted from the four year average which results in this adjustment.

410 The Company's use of a four-year historical average was approved by the
411 Commission in Docket No. 07-035-93, as was the use of a four-year average of
412 planned expenses for the Company's new gas plants. This treatment, including
413 escalation of the historical components of the average, was utilized in the
414 Company's filing in Docket No. 08-035-38. That case was settled with no finding
415 made on the escalation issue. Without such escalation, the Company's overhaul
416 expenses will be systematically understated by the four-year inflation factor.

417 The purpose of averaging is to adjust for uneven costs, not to adjust for
418 inflation. Historical amounts need to be restated to current dollars to adjust for
419 inflationary pressures. A simple example below shows the impact of averaging on
420 inflation, assuming a 2.5 percent inflation rate, a \$100 amount in year one, and a

421 four year average of years one through four used to project costs in year five.
 422 Using this assumption, Example 1 shows the impact without adjusting for
 423 inflation, and Example 2 shows the impact when years one through four are
 424 adjusted for inflation to current dollars. As shown, with no escalation to account
 425 for inflation a four year average of costs is \$103.8, much less than the projected
 426 costs in year five, resulting in an expense level that is 2.5 years old compared to
 427 the current expenses. In Example 2 the average is equal to the year five amount
 428 resulting in an accurate forecast.

Example 1			Example 2			
Year	Amount		Year	Amount	Escalation	Adjusted Amount
1	\$ 100.0	} Avg. \$103.8	1	\$ 100.0	1.104	\$ 110.4
2	102.5		2	102.5	1.077	110.4
3	105.1		3	105.1	1.051	110.4
4	107.7		4	107.7	1.025	110.4
5	110.4		5	110.4		
			} Avg. \$110.4			

429 **Solar Photovoltaic Program (page 4.16)** – This adjustment reflects the
 430 estimated annual program costs associated with the pilot Solar Photovoltaic
 431 Utility Buy-Down Program co-sponsored by Utah Clean Energy and Rocky
 432 Mountain Power. This pilot solar photovoltaic project was implemented in
 433 September 2007 and is projected to operate at similar funding levels through
 434 2011. The program will gather important information on the viability of a solar
 435 program funded by participating customers, tax incentives, and utility
 436 contributions.

437 **Insurance Expense (page 4.17)** – This adjustment normalizes injury and damage
 438 expenses to reflect a three year average using the cash method, consistent with the

439 Utah Commission ruling in Docket No. 07-035-93. This adjustment also
440 normalizes property insurance expenses and captive property and liability
441 insurance expenses.

442 **Utah AMR Savings (page 4.18)** – The Company replaced approximately
443 600,000 meters on the Wasatch Front with new radio equipped digital meters. The
444 meters were installed by May 2008, and this adjustment captures the O&M
445 savings due to the new Automated Meter Reading Program. The Company
446 anticipates that the full level of ongoing savings associated with the AMR
447 program will be realized during the test period.

448 **Adjust O&M to 2009/2010 Target (page 4.19)** – With certain exceptions the
449 Company intends to align the non-power cost O&M in this case to the amount in
450 the budget. Since the adjusted actual expenses are higher than budget, in this case
451 the escalated non-power cost O&M is adjusted downward to reflect the budgeted
452 level. A limited number of adjustments to budget were made for the following
453 items: averaging of overhaul and insurance expenses, non-utility advertising, ETO
454 credits, and labor adjustment. Adjustment 4.19 is dependent upon other
455 adjustments in this filing as shown on page 4.19.2 and will change accordingly if
456 other adjustment amounts change.

457 **Tab 5 – Net Power Cost Adjustments**

458 **Q. Please describe the information contained behind Tab 5 Net Power Cost**
459 **Adjustments.**

460 A. Tab 5 includes the Net Power Cost Index (page 5.0.1) followed by a numerical
461 summary and the specific adjustments. The numerical summary (page 5.0.2)

462 identifies each adjustment made to actual expenses and that adjustment's impact
463 on the case. Each column has a numerical reference to a corresponding page in
464 Exhibit RMP___(SRM-2), which contains a lead sheet showing the affected
465 FERC account(s), allocation factor, dollar amount, and a brief description of the
466 adjustment.

467 **Q. Please describe the adjustments included in Tab 5.**

468 A. **Net Power Cost Study (page 5.1)** – The Net Power Cost adjustment normalizes
469 steam and hydro power generation, fuel, purchased power, wheeling expense, and
470 sales for resale in a manner consistent with the contractual terms of the
471 Company's sales and purchase agreements. It also normalizes hydro, weather
472 conditions, and plant availability as described in Mr. Duvall's testimony.

473 **West Valley Lease (page 5.2)** – The Company terminated the lease for the West
474 Valley generating facility on May 31, 2008. This adjustment removes the
475 associated expense and rate base to align with net power costs which do not
476 include the West Valley plant. Amortization of the savings from the reduction in
477 the West Valley lease expense pursuant to MEHC transaction commitment U46
478 ended May 31, 2008 and has no effect on the Test Period.

479 **James River Royalty Offset & Little Mountain (page 5.3)** – On January 13,
480 1993, the Company executed a contract with James River Paper Company with
481 respect to the Camas mill, later acquired by Georgia Pacific. Under the
482 agreement, the Company built a steam turbine and is recovering the capital
483 investment over the twenty-year operational term of the agreement as an offset to
484 royalties paid to James River based on contract provisions. The contract costs of

485 energy for the Camas unit are included in the Company's net power costs as
486 purchased power expense, but GRID does not include an offsetting revenue credit
487 for the capital and maintenance cost recovery. This adjustment adds the royalty
488 offset to FERC Account 456, other electric revenue, for the Test Period.

489 This adjustment also normalizes the ongoing level of steam revenues
490 related to the Little Mountain plant. Contractually, the steam revenues from Little
491 Mountain are tied to natural gas prices. The Company's net power cost study
492 includes the cost of running the Little Mountain plant but does not include the
493 offsetting steam revenues. This adjustment aligns the steam revenues to the gas
494 prices modeled in GRID.

495 **Green Tags (page 5.4)** – This adjustment removes from regulatory results the
496 cost of renewable energy credit or green tag purchases made for the Blue Sky
497 program.

498 **Electric Lake Settlement (page 5.5)** – Canyon Fuel Company (“CFC”) owns the
499 Skyline mine located near Electric Lake, a reservoir owned by the Company
500 which provides water storage for the Huntington generating plant. The two
501 companies disputed the claim made by PacifiCorp that CFC's mining operations
502 caused the lake to leak water into the Skyline mine, thus making it unavailable for
503 use by the Huntington generating plant. The Company has incurred capital costs
504 and O&M costs to pump water from the breach back into Electric Lake. The two
505 companies negotiated a settlement of the claims. The settlement includes
506 reimbursement to the Company for O&M and capital costs associated with the
507 pumping. The value of the settlement is being amortized over three years. This

508 adjustment reduces rate base for the fixed cost portion of the settlement and
509 includes one year of amortization of the O&M portion of the settlement. This
510 adjustment is consistent with the Company's filing in Docket No. 08-035-38.

511 **Tab 6 – Depreciation and Amortization Expense Adjustments**

512 **Q. Please describe the information contained behind Tab 6 Depreciation and**
513 **Amortization Adjustments.**

514 A. Tab 6 includes the Depreciation and Amortization Index (page 6.0.1) followed by
515 a numerical summary and the specific adjustments. The numerical summary (page
516 6.0.2) identifies each adjustment made to actual results and that adjustment's
517 impact on the case. Each column has a numerical reference to a corresponding
518 page in Exhibit RMP___(SRM-2), which contains a lead sheet showing the
519 affected FERC account(s), allocation factor, dollar amount, and a brief description
520 of the adjustment.

521 **Q. How are the Company's pro forma depreciation and amortization expense**
522 **for the Test Period developed in the Report?**

523 A. The depreciation and amortization expense for the Test Period is calculated by
524 applying functional composite depreciation and amortization rates to projected
525 plant balances. Rates used are those approved by the Commission in Docket No.
526 07-035-13, effective January 1, 2008. Depreciation expense also includes the
527 accrual for hydro decommissioning as approved in Docket No. 07-035-13. Details
528 are provided on pages 6.1 through 6.1.13.

529

530 **Q. How are the accumulated depreciation and amortization balances included**
531 **in the filing calculated?**

532 A. Accumulated depreciation and amortization balances for the Test Period are
533 calculated by applying pro forma depreciation and amortization expense and plant
534 retirements to the actual December 2008 balances. Accruals and planned spending
535 for hydro decommissioning are also included in the adjusted depreciation reserve
536 balance. The reserve balances are calculated on a monthly basis to walk the
537 balances forward from December 31, 2008 through June 30, 2010. The 13-month
538 average reserve balance is included in rate base. Calculations are detailed on
539 pages 6.2.2 to 6.2.11.

540 **Tab 7 – Tax Adjustments**

541 **Q. Please describe the information contained behind Tab 7 Tax Adjustments.**

542 A. Tab 7 includes the Tax Adjustment Index (page 7.0.1) followed by a numerical
543 summary and the specific adjustments. The numerical summary (page 7.0.2)
544 identifies each adjustment made to the various tax components and that
545 adjustment's impact on the case. Each column has a numerical reference to a
546 corresponding page in Exhibit RMP____(SRM-2), which contains a lead sheet
547 showing the affected FERC account(s), allocation factor, dollar amount, and a
548 brief description of the adjustment.

549 **Q. Please describe the adjustments included in Tab 7.**

550 A. **Interest True-Up (page 7.1)** – This adjustment details the adjustment to interest
551 expense required to synchronize the Test Period expense with rate base. This is
552 done by multiplying normalized net rate base by the Company's weighted cost of

553 debt in this case.

554 **Property Tax Expense (page 7.2)** – Property tax expense for the Test Period was
555 computed by adjusting calendar year 2008 property tax expense for known or
556 anticipated changes in assessment levels through June 30, 2010. The property tax
557 costs in this case were estimated using methods similar to those employed by the
558 Company when estimating property tax costs in Docket Nos. 07-035-93 and 08-
559 035-38. These methods give necessary consideration to the effect that changes in
560 the level of operating property and net operating income may have on state-by-
561 state assessed values. Confidential Exhibit RMP____(SRM-4) provides a
562 comprehensive description of the Company’s property tax estimation procedures
563 along with a detailed calculation of Test Period property taxes.

564 **Renewable Energy Tax Credit (page 7.3)** – The Company is entitled to
565 recognize certain tax credits as a result of placing qualifying renewable generating
566 plants into service. The federal tax credit is based on the generation of the plant,
567 and the credit can be taken for ten years on qualifying property. Under the
568 calculation required by Internal Revenue Service Code Sec. 45(b)(2), the current
569 renewable electricity production credit is 2.1 cents per kilowatt hour, and this rate
570 is expected to increase to 2.2 cents per kilowatt hour in 2010. The Utah state tax
571 credit is based on the generation of the Blundell bottoming Cycle, and the credit
572 can be taken for four years. In addition to the Utah tax credit, the Company is able
573 to recognize the Oregon Business Energy Tax Credit which is based on
574 investment in specific plants and is taken over a five year period on qualifying
575 property.

576 **Pro Forma Schedule M's (page 7.4)** – The Schedule M items at December 31,
577 2008, were updated for known and measurable adjustments through June 30,
578 2010. Non-utility items, separate tariff items and other non-recurring items were
579 removed from the December 31, 2008 historical period before updating. The
580 Schedule M items were then used to develop deferred income tax expenses and
581 balances for June 30, 2010. This adjustment incorporates all Schedule M items
582 into the results of operations. For informational purposes, Schedule M impacts
583 directly related to other adjustments in tabs 3 through 8 are displayed on the
584 individual adjustment lead sheets.

585 **Deferred Income Taxes (page 7.5 & page 7.6)** – The non-property-related
586 Schedule M items were used to develop the deferred income tax expense. The
587 property-related deferred income tax expense was generated using the capital
588 additions and resulting book and tax depreciation. Normalizing adjustments were
589 added consistent with the Schedule M items as described above. The deferred
590 income tax expense was then used to develop the deferred tax balance for the Test
591 Period. Adjustments 7.5 and 7.6 incorporate all deferred tax expense and rate base
592 items into the results of operations. For informational purposes, deferred tax
593 impacts directly related to other adjustments in tabs 3 through 8 are displayed on
594 the individual adjustment lead sheets.

595 **Q. How have current state and federal income tax expenses been calculated?**

596 A. Current state and federal income tax expenses were calculated by applying the
597 applicable tax rates to the taxable income calculated in the Report. State income
598 tax expense was calculated using the state statutory rates applied to the

599 jurisdictional pre-tax income. The result of accumulating those state tax expense
600 calculations is then allocated among the jurisdictions using the Income Before
601 Tax (“IBT”) factor. Federal income tax expense is calculated using the same
602 methodology that the Company uses in preparing its filed income tax returns. The
603 detail supporting this calculation is contained on pages 2.18 through 2.20.

604 **Q. Docket No. 09-035-03 was recently opened to explore deferred tax**
605 **normalization as it relates to Rocky Mountain Power. Does revenue**
606 **requirement in this case reflect any changes to the Company’s current**
607 **normalization policy?**

608 A. No. The Company’s deferred income taxes in this case are calculated using 40
609 percent normalization of the book basis differences consistent with prior treatment
610 of those items. However, the Company still believes that full normalization is the
611 better approach and should be adopted by the Commission. The Commission
612 previously accepted a transition to full normalization through a phase in approach
613 with 20 percent adjustments in each rate case to arrive at full normalization. The
614 current level of book basis normalization is 40 percent due to the transition in two
615 prior rate cases.

616 **Tab 8 – Rate Base Adjustments**

617 **Q. Please describe the information contained behind Tab 8 Rate Base**
618 **Adjustments.**

619 A. Tab 8 includes the Rate Base Adjustment Index (page 8.0.1) followed by a
620 numerical summary and the specific adjustments. The numerical summary (pages
621 8.0.2 – 8.0.3) identifies each adjustment made to actual rate base and that

622 adjustment's impact on the case. Each column has a numerical reference to a
623 corresponding page in Exhibit RMP____(SRM-2), which contains a lead sheet
624 showing the affected FERC account(s), allocation factor, dollar amount, and a
625 brief description of the adjustment.

626 **Q. Please describe each of the adjustments to the historical rate base balances.**

627 **A. Cash Working Capital (page 8.1)** – This adjustment supports the calculation of
628 cash working capital included in rate base based on the normalized results of
629 operations for the Test Period. Total cash working capital is calculated by
630 multiplying jurisdictional net lag days by the average daily cost of service. Net lag
631 days in this case are based on the lead lag study recently prepared by the
632 Company using calendar year 2007 information, with adjustments to the expense
633 lag days as agreed to in the Company's rebuttal filing in Docket No. 08-035-38.
634 Based on the results of the 2007 lead lag study as adjusted, the Company
635 experiences 5.6 net lag days in Utah requiring a cash working capital balance of
636 \$17.7 million to be included in rate base.

637 **Trapper Mine Rate Base (page 8.2)** – The Company owns a 21.4 percent share
638 of the Trapper Mine, which provides coal to the Craig generating plant. This
639 investment is accounted for on the Company's books in FERC Account 123.1,
640 investment in subsidiary company, which is not included as a rate base account.
641 The normalized coal cost from Trapper Mine in net power costs includes O&M
642 costs but does not include a return on investment. This adjustment adds the
643 Company's portion of the Trapper Mine net plant investment to rate base in order
644 for the Company to earn a return on its investment. This treatment is consistent

645 with Docket No. 99-035-10 and the Company's general rate cases since that time.

646 **Jim Bridger Mine Rate Base (page 8.3)** – The Company owns a two-thirds
647 interest in the Bridger Coal Company, which supplies coal to the Jim Bridger
648 generating plant. The Company's investment in Bridger Coal Company is
649 recorded on the books of Pacific Minerals, Inc. Because of this ownership
650 arrangement, the coal mine investment is not included in electric plant in service.
651 This adjustment is necessary to properly reflect the Bridger Coal Company
652 investment in rate base in order for the Company to earn a return on its
653 investment. The normalized coal costs for Bridger Coal Company in net power
654 costs include the O&M costs of the mine but provide no return on investment.
655 This treatment is consistent with Docket No. 97-035-01 and the Company's
656 general rate cases since that time.

657 **Environmental Settlement – PERCO (page 8.4)** – In 1996, the Company
658 received an insurance settlement of \$33 million for environmental clean-up
659 projects. These funds were transferred to a subsidiary called PacifiCorp
660 Environmental Remediation Company ("PERCO"). This fund balance is
661 amortized or reduced as PERCO expends dollars on clean-up costs. PERCO
662 received an additional \$5 million of insurance proceeds plus associated liabilities
663 from Rocky Mountain Power in 1998. This adjustment includes the unspent
664 insurance proceeds in results of operations as a reduction to rate base.

665 **Customer Advances for Construction (page 8.5)** – Customer advances for
666 construction are booked into FERC Account 252. When they are booked, the
667 entries do not reflect the proper allocation. This adjustment corrects the allocation

668 of customer advances for construction in the account.

669 **Customer Service Deposits (page 8.6)** – Utah requires the Company to include
670 customer service deposits as a reduction to rate base. This adjustment reflects the
671 deposits in results as a rate base deduction and also includes the interest paid on
672 the customer service deposits in expense. This treatment was stipulated in Utah
673 Docket No. 97-035-01 and has been upheld in subsequent dockets.

674 **Miscellaneous Rate Base (page 8.7)** – This adjustment includes four parts as
675 described below:

- 676 • Cash is removed from rate base to avoid earning a rate of return on the
677 balance.
- 678 • The cost of the Company's coal plant fuel stock is increasing due to
679 increases in the cost of coal and the number of tons stored at each site.
680 This adjustment reflects the increase in the fuel stock balance into results.
- 681 • In order to avoid earning a double return on rate base, the Company is
682 adjusting the prepaid overhaul balances in FERC Account 186 for the
683 Lake Side and Chehalis gas plants to reflect the transfer of prepaid
684 overhaul costs into plant in service as of July 2009 and October 2009,
685 respectively.
- 686 • This adjustment revises the Chehalis rate base balance in FERC Account
687 102 to remove amounts related to asset retirement obligation timing and a
688 payment to the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council in Washington
689 that has not yet been made. As of December 2008 the Company was
690 awaiting approval from FERC before transferring Chehalis related

691 balances to the various FERC accounts where they will reside
692 permanently.

693 **Powerdale Hydro Removal (page 8.8)** – Powerdale is a hydroelectric generating
694 facility located on the Hood River in Oregon. This facility was scheduled to be
695 decommissioned in 2010; however, in 2006 a flash flood washed out a major
696 section of the flow line. The Company determined that the cost to repair this
697 facility was not economical and determined it was in the ratepayers’ best interest
698 to cease operation of the facility.

699 In Docket No. 07-035-14, the Company requested permission to transfer
700 the net book value, including an offset for insurance proceeds, of the assets to an
701 unrecovered plant regulatory asset and asked the Commission to establish an
702 amortization period for the asset. In that Docket, the Commission authorized the
703 Company’s request regarding the unrecovered plant and also allowed the
704 Company to defer future decommissioning costs to a regulatory asset. In the order
705 for Docket No. 07-035-93, the Commission further specified that the regulatory
706 asset for the decommissioning costs could be amortized over three years
707 beginning January 1, 2008. This adjustment reflects the plant balances and
708 amortization expense in the Test Period consistent with the previous Commission
709 orders.

710 **Goose Creek Transmission (page 8.9)** – On April 1, 2008, the Company sold its
711 undivided interest in 13.85 miles of transmission line, running from the
712 Company's Goose Creek switching station and extending north to the Decker 230
713 kV substation near Decker, Montana. The assets sold included structures,

714 miscellaneous support equipment, easements, and rights-of-way associated with
715 the transmission line. The sale of the transmission line resulted in the Goose
716 Creek switching station no longer being needed or useful to the Company. The
717 Company plans to remove the Goose Creek switching station including all above
718 ground facilities. The stipulation approved by the Commission in Docket No. 08-
719 035-38 states that “the Company may write off Utah's portion of the Goose Creek
720 regulatory liability.” This adjustment reduces rate base by the net book value of a
721 remaining future asset retirement and also removes the property sale gain from
722 results as allowed in the stipulation. Depreciation expense booked in the twelve
723 months ended December, 2008 is removed in Adjustment 6.1.

724 **Pro Forma Plant Additions (page 8.10)** – To reasonably represent the cost of
725 system infrastructure required to serve our customers, the Company has identified
726 capital projects that will be completed by the end of the Test Period. Company
727 business units identified capital expenditures that will be used and useful prior to
728 the end of the Test Period. Additions by functional category are summarized on
729 separate sheets, indicating the in-service date and amount by project. The
730 accumulated depreciation reserve was adjusted forward to match the depreciation
731 expense and retirements as described earlier in the depreciation section.

732 The Company intends to utilize a major plant addition case to seek
733 recovery for two projects that are scheduled to be placed into service prior to June
734 2010: the Ben Lomond to Terminal transmission line segment set to be placed in
735 service June 2010, and the Dave Johnston scrubber project set to be placed in
736 service May 2010. These projects have not been included in this case.

737 **Plant Retirements (page 8.11)** – Composite plant retirement rates were applied
738 to pro forma plant balances included in this filing to reflect ongoing asset
739 retirements through the Test Period. This adjustment reflects these retirements
740 into results for the gross electric plant in service. A corresponding entry to
741 accumulated depreciation and amortization is included in the calculation of Test
742 Period reserve balances in Adjustment 6.2.

743 **Reduction to Generation Plant Additions (page 8.12)** – This adjustment
744 reduces the amount of generation capital additions to be included in the rate case.
745 After the detailed capital additions were compiled during the preparation of this
746 case, the Company reduced the amount of capital additions planned for the Test
747 Period. This adjustment will bring the total capital additions included in the case
748 in line with the current projected level.

749 **Plant Held for Future Use (page 8.13)** – The Company has deemed that the
750 construction of a new 138 to 12.5 kV substation is necessary and has been
751 approved for construction due to the overall load growth in the Herriman, Utah
752 area. Preliminary survey & investigation charges related to the construction of the
753 transmission line to the substation need to be reflected in results of operation. This
754 adjustment re-allocates the balance as of December 2008 of Herriman project
755 costs from FERC Account 183, which is not included in rate base, to FERC
756 Account 105, plant held for future use, to allow for recovery of these costs.

757 **Q. Please describe the remaining sections of the Report.**

758 A. Tab 9 Rolled-In recasts Tab 2 based on the Rolled-In allocation methodology.
759 This information is being provided pursuant to the Commission order from the

760 application of the Company for an investigation of inter-jurisdictional issues in
761 Docket No. 02-035-04. Tab 10 Allocation Factors contains the detailed derivation
762 of the jurisdictional allocation factors using the Revised Protocol allocation
763 methodology.

764 **Q. How have changing jurisdictional loads impacted the allocation factors in**
765 **this case?**

766 A. As discussed by Dr. Eelkema, Utah loads for this case are slightly lower than in
767 the 2008 general rate case (Docket 08-035-38). This load change, along with
768 revised load forecasts for other PacifiCorp states have been incorporated into the
769 allocation factors used in this case.

770 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

771 A. Yes.