

1 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

2 A. My name is Steven R. McDougal and my business address is 201 South Main,
3 Suite 2300, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111.

4 **Q. Are you the same Steven R. McDougal who submitted pre-filed direct**
5 **testimony in this proceeding?**

6 A. Yes.

7 **Purpose of Testimony**

8 **Q. What is the purpose of your revenue requirement rebuttal testimony**
9 **(“Testimony”) in this proceeding?**

10 A. My Testimony will respond to the pre-filed direct testimony filed by the
11 intervening parties regarding the Company’s revenue requirement. My Testimony
12 explains and supports the Company’s revised overall revenue increase request of
13 \$55.0 million, reduced from the \$66.9 million request included in the Company’s
14 original filing. My testimony and exhibits also provide:

- 15 • A detailed calculation of the \$55.0 million requested revenue increase,
16 including a summary of the differences between the \$66.9 million request
17 and the revised requested amount. The revised request includes the impact
18 of the tax settlement and adjustments proposed by other parties that the
19 Company has accepted.
- 20 • The Company’s response to certain revenue requirement adjustments
21 proposed by intervening parties in this case which the Company believes
22 should not be adopted by the Utah Public Service Commission
23 (“Commission”).

24 **Required Revenue Increase**

25 **Q. Please describe the calculation of the revised overall revenue increase.**

26 A. The Company's revised revenue increase of \$55.0 million was calculated using
27 the same allocation methodology and factors included in the original filing and
28 incorporates certain adjustments proposed by other parties. In support of the
29 revised calculation, Exhibit RMP____(SRM-1R) shows a summary of the
30 adjustments made to the original revenue requirement requested by the Company.
31 Exhibit RMP____(SRM-2R) is a revised Exhibit RMP____(SRM-2) from the
32 Company's original filing with updated Tabs 1, 2, 9 and 10 and includes a new
33 Tab 11 containing backup pages for each new adjustment made to the Company's
34 filing.

35 **Q. What price increase is required to achieve the requested return on equity in
36 this case?**

37 A. As shown on Page 1.0 of Exhibit RMP____(SRM-2R), an overall price increase of
38 \$67.2 million is required to produce the 11.0 percent return on equity requested
39 by the Company.

40 **Q. Is the Company requesting the full \$67.2 million required to earn an 11.0
41 percent return on equity?**

42 A. No. The Company's request reflects the Rate Mitigation Cap as approved by the
43 Commission. The Rate Mitigation Cap decreases the revenue increase requested
44 in my Testimony to \$55.0 million.

45 **Adjustments Adopted by the Company**

46 **Q. Please identify the adjustments made to arrive at the revised overall revenue**
 47 **increase.**

48 **A.** The following new adjustments have been made to the Company’s revenue
 49 requirement. Each is described further in my testimony.

Original Requested Revenue Increase	Proposed Revenue Increase
	\$ 66,883,665
11.1 Tax Settlement	(9,639,123)
11.2 Special Contract Revenue	(2,253,526)
11.3 Green Tag Revenue	(6,031,992)
11.4 Adjust OMAG to Business Unit Target	3,974,530
11.5 Salaries and Wages	(621,758)
11.6 Medical Insurance Expense	(105,318)
11.7 Post Employment Benefits FAS 112	(239,308)
11.8 401(k) Contributions	(1,141,618)
11.9 Pension Administration	(59,132)
11.10 Uncollectible Accounts Expense	(1,302,216)
11.11 Airplane Expense	(30,587)
11.12 Rent Expense	(56,225)
11.13 Incremental Generation O&M	(1,938,888)
11.14 Generation Overhaul	(472,044)
11.15 Environmental Settlement (PERCO)	(164,852)
11.16 Deferred Transmission Project	(54,378)
11.17 Bridger and Trapper Mines	112,451
11.18 Plant Additions	(447,615)
11.19 Plant Retirements	(1,048,181)
11.20 Depreciation / Amortization Expense	(549,918)
11.21 Depreciation / Amortization Reserve	1,085,379
11.22 Plant Related Tax Update	(15,784)
11.23 Net Power Costs (Including SMUD Settlement)	8,172,105
11.24 Lead Lag Study	(56,188)
11.25 Allocation Factor Update	757,647
MSP Price Cap Reduction	204,247
Rebuttal Requested Revenue Increase	\$ 54,961,373

50 **Tax Settlement**

51 **Q. Please explain adjustment number 11.1 in your rebuttal Exhibit**
52 **RMP___(SRM-2R).**

53 A. Adjustment 11.1 incorporates into the Company's filing an all-party settlement
54 reached on certain income tax related items. The settlement calls for the
55 normalized treatment of all book-tax timing differences giving rise to deferred
56 income taxes on the Company's regulated books, with the exception of book-tax
57 differences reported on the Allowance for Equity Funds Used During
58 Construction which will be accounted for on a flow-through basis. The settlement
59 also calls for an update to the case to reflect the IRC Section 481(a) adjustment
60 and the 2008 repairs deduction taken in the Company's 2008 federal income tax
61 return and an estimate of the repairs deduction from January 1, 2009, through the
62 test year ended June 30, 2010. The Commission considered this settlement at
63 hearings November 3, 2009, and issued a bench order approving the agreement.

64 **Special Contract Revenue**

65 **Q. Please explain adjustment number 11.2 in your rebuttal Exhibit**
66 **RMP___(SRM-2R).**

67 A. The Company has adjusted revenues for special contract rate changes effective
68 January 1, 2010. The contract revenue changes are included in Exhibit
69 RMP___(WRG-4R). Special contracts 1, 2, 3 and 5 increase T47 forecasted
70 revenue \$2,156,136 more than what was included in the original case.

71 **Q. Does this adjustment consider the adjustment of \$2,948,000 proposed by**
72 **DPU witness Mr. Charles Peterson?**

73 A. Yes. However, the Company has modified the adjustment to reflect the correct
74 level of revenues for the forecast test period. Mr. Peterson's adjustment reflected
75 an annualized view rather than the revenues in the test period included in this
76 case. The revised rates in rebuttal adjustment 11.2 reflect the increases for all four
77 special contract customers. Three of the contracts have not yet been approved by
78 the Commission. If the Commission orders something other than what is
79 contained in these filed contracts, adjustment 11.2 should change accordingly.

80 **Renewable Energy Credit (REC) or Green Tag Revenue**

81 **Q. Please explain adjustment number 11.3 in your rebuttal Exhibit**
82 **RMP___(SRM-2R).**

83 A. Adjustment 11.3 Green Tag Revenue accepts the overall level of revenue related
84 to the sale of renewable energy credits as supported in the direct testimony of Ms.
85 Donna Ramas for the OCS. The adjustment increases total Company REC
86 revenue from \$7.4 million included in the Company's original filing to
87 approximately \$18.5 million as proposed by Ms. Ramas.

88 **Q. Please summarize Ms. Ramas' proposed adjustment to increase green tag**
89 **revenue included in this case.**

90 A. In her testimony Ms. Ramas states that, based on discussions during her on-site
91 visit to the Company's Portland office the week of August 31, 2009 and Company
92 responses to OCS data requests, she proposes adjusting the Company's green tag
93 revenue by: 1) increasing the sales price for individual RECs from \$3.50 per

94 MWh to \$6.57 per MWh; 2) increasing the percentage of available RECs sold
95 from 75 percent to 85 percent; and 3) increasing REC revenue related to the Salt
96 River Project contract and the Company's Blundell geothermal units by
97 annualizing 2009 actual revenue.

98 **Q. Do you agree with all of the individual components of Ms. Ramas'**
99 **adjustment?**

100 A. No. The market for green tags continues to evolve and the Company's experience
101 marketing RECs may change with the market. The Company's future general rate
102 cases will include the Company's best projections of the different components as
103 identified by Ms. Ramas in her adjustment. However, even though the Company
104 does not agree with all of the assumptions made by Ms. Ramas, for purposes of
105 this case her proposed changes result in a reasonable level of green tag revenue
106 for the test period and are incorporated into this filing.

107 **Q. Were any other adjustments to green tag revenue proposed by intervening**
108 **parties?**

109 A. Yes. DPU witness, Ms. Brenda Salter also proposed an adjustment to green tag
110 revenue. Ms. Salter proposes a REC sales price of \$5.27 per MWh based on
111 information provided in the Company's 2008 Blue Sky Program Annual Report.
112 However, based on the information provided by the Company in response to the
113 OCS audit data requests cited by Ms. Ramas in her testimony, the Company is
114 adopting the larger adjustment proposed by the OCS as a better representation of
115 test period REC revenue.

116 **Adjust OMAG to Business Unit Target**

117 **Q. Please explain adjustment number 11.4 in your rebuttal Exhibit**
118 **RMP___(SRM-2R).**

119 A. Adjustment 11.4 – Adjust OMAG to Business Unit Target is a reversal of the
120 Company’s adjustment 4.19 included in its original filing. In this adjustment, the
121 Company used its budget as a high-level benchmark for an appropriate level of
122 operations and maintenance expense to be included in the case. Test period O&M
123 expenses were prepared by making adjustments to the 2008 historical base year.
124 Since the adjusted actual expenses were higher than budget in this case, the
125 Company adjusted non-power cost O&M downward to reflect the budgeted level.
126 In its rebuttal filing, the Company believes the approach taken by OCS witness
127 Ms. Ramas is the appropriate manner of dealing with additional adjustments to
128 O&M expense. That is, the original adjustment to budget should be reversed,
129 accompanied by additional adjustments to specific O&M items. The net result is
130 a test period level of non-net power cost O&M that is lower than the Company’s
131 approved budget for the test period and lower than the original filing. Adjustment
132 11.4 accepts Ms. Ramas’ proposal to reverse adjustment 4.19, included in the
133 original filing. In conjunction with adjustment 11.4, the Company also proposes
134 the following adjustments to non-net power cost O&M (each is described
135 individually in my testimony):

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| 136 | Adjustment 11.5 | Salaries and Wages |
| 137 | Adjustment 11.6 | Medical Insurance Expense |
| 138 | Adjustment 11.7 | Post Employment Benefits FAS 112 |
| 139 | Adjustment 11.8 | 401(k) Contributions |
| 140 | Adjustment 11.9 | Pension Administration |
| 141 | Adjustment 11.10 | Uncollectible Expense |

142	Adjustment 11.11	Airplane Expense
143	Adjustment 11.12	Rent Expense
144	Adjustment 11.13	Incremental Generation O&M

145 The net result of adjustment 11.4 offset by reductions to expense in the
146 adjustments listed above is a reduction to Utah allocated revenue requirement of
147 \$1.5 million.

148 **Q. Is this the same approach taken by the DPU?**

149 A. No. In his testimony DPU witness Mr. Thomas Brill states, “[t]he Division will
150 assume its adjustments for non-power O&M costs are a reduction or in addition to
151 the Company’s final non-power O&M cost in its rate case filing.”

152 **Q. Will the approach taken by the DPU result in an accurate calculation of non-**
153 **net power cost O&M for the test period in this case?**

154 A. No. In fact, it is certain to misstate these costs for the test period. The DPU
155 acknowledges in Mr. Brill’s testimony that by both accepting adjustment 4.19 and
156 adding additional O&M cost adjustments that the DPU could be double-counting
157 some adjustments.

158 Additionally, DPU witness Mr. Matthew Croft proposes an adjustment to
159 recalculate the test period budget target by breaking the annual budgets into
160 monthly amounts. In that adjustment he also updates the 4 year average of
161 overhaul expenses based on the adjustment proposed by Ms. Salter. However,
162 Ms. Salter’s adjustment is also input into the DPU’s JAM model in a separate
163 adjustment, and is effectively double-counted in the DPU’s results (Mr. Croft did
164 not make the same mistake with the average insurance costs proposed by DPU
165 witness Mr. Michael J. McGarry). Correcting for the DPU’s errors would result

166 in his adjustment increasing total Company O&M by \$1.3 million rather than
167 reducing it \$2.2 million.

168 **Salaries and Wages**

169 **Q. Please explain adjustment number 11.5 in your rebuttal Exhibit**
170 **RMP__(SRM-2R).**

171 A. Adjustment 11.5 Salaries and Wages reflects a reduction in the projected merit
172 increase for non-union employees scheduled for December 26, 2009, consistent
173 with the adjustment proposed by OCS witness Ms. Ramas. In the original filing
174 the Company included a high-level adjustment to the Company's budget target
175 included in adjustment 4.19 to reflect an announced reduction in non-union wage
176 increases from 3 percent to approximately 1 percent on December 26, 2009 made
177 subsequent to the time the Company finalized its original wage and employee
178 benefit adjustment. Since adjustment 4.19 has been reversed as proposed by Ms.
179 Ramas and accepted by the Company in adjustment 11.4, a separate adjustment is
180 needed to reflect this reduction to wage increases. Adjustment 11.5 accepts Ms.
181 Ramas' proposal based on the Company's response to OCS Data Request 19.1
182 which provided a refined wage and benefits adjustment including the lower non-
183 union wage increase of 0.94 percent.

184 **Medical Insurance Expense**

185 **Q. Please explain adjustment number 11.6 in your rebuttal Exhibit**
186 **RMP__(SRM-2R).**

187 A. Adjustment 11.6 Medical Insurance Expense reflects a reduction to medical
188 expenses due to a larger share of medical insurance costs being paid by non-union

189 employees rather than paid by the Company. Similar to adjustment 11.5, this
190 reduction in medical expenses was originally included in the Company's filing as
191 a high-level reduction to the Company's budget target included in adjustment
192 4.19. Reversal of the adjustment to the business unit target O&M as proposed by
193 Ms. Ramas and accepted by the Company in adjustment 11.4 would remove the
194 effect of this reduction to medical expenses absent this new adjustment.
195 Adjustment 11.6 accepts Ms. Ramas' proposal based on the Company's response
196 to OCS Data Request 5.12.

197 **Post Employment Benefits FAS 112**

198 **Q. Please explain adjustment number 11.7 in your rebuttal Exhibit**
199 **RMP___(SRM-2R).**

200 A. Adjustment 11.7 Post Employment Benefits FAS 112 accepts the adjustment
201 proposed by OCS witness Ms. Ramas to reduce the test period FAS 112 expense.
202 The Company's proposed FAS 112 expense was based on the 2008 budget
203 escalated to the test period. Instead, Ms. Ramas based her calculated test period
204 expenses on the updated projection for 2009 from the Company's actuary, Hewitt
205 Associates, provided in the Company's response to OCS Data Request 14.3. Ms.
206 Ramas escalated the revised 2009 projection to 2010 and averaged the two years
207 to arrive at the test period amount (prior to removing the joint owner portion).

208 **401(k) Contributions**

209 **Q. Please explain adjustment number 11.8 in your rebuttal Exhibit**
210 **RMP___(SRM-2R).**

211 A. Adjustment 11.8 401(k) Contributions accepts the adjustment proposed by UAE

212 witness Mr. Kevin Higgins regarding the test period level of contributions to the
213 Company's 401(k) plan. This adjustment updates the test period amount based on
214 the Company's projected 401(k) contribution expense provided in response to
215 DPU Data Request 36.7.

216 **Q. Were any other adjustments to 401(k) contributions proposed by intervening**
217 **parties?**

218 A. Yes. OCS witness Ms. Ramas also proposed to adjust 401(k) contributions by
219 escalating the actual 2008 expense and including enhanced contributions resulting
220 from changes in the Company's retirement plans implemented in 2008 and 2009.
221 Ms. Ramas also proposed to remove a one percent discretionary 401(k) match.
222 Since this approach relies on escalation of historical numbers rather than current
223 estimates like the UAE method, the Company believes the UAE method is more
224 accurate. The result using the UAE method is a reasonable approximation of
225 what the Company expects to experience in the test period.

226 **Pension Administration**

227 **Q. Please explain adjustment number 11.9 in your rebuttal Exhibit**
228 **RMP___(SRM-2R).**

229 A. Adjustment 11.9 Pension Administration reduces the level of expense included in
230 the test period related to the administrative costs of the pension plan, from
231 \$882,597 to \$685,230. Pension administration costs anticipated in the Company's
232 original filing will not be as high as expected because of reduced actuarial work.
233 Adjustment 11.9 revises the test period pension administration costs to reflect an
234 annualized level of expenses based on costs incurred from January to September

235 2009.

236 **Q. DPU witness Mr. McGarry proposed an adjustment to reduce pension**
237 **administrative expense. Do you agree with his adjustment?**

238 A. No. In DPU Exhibit 3.5.1, Mr. McGarry arrives at his recommended level of
239 pension administrative expense by escalating the actual amount for CY 2008 for
240 two full years. The test period in this filing is the 12 months ended June 2010,
241 and any escalation should only be made through that date only, not beyond.
242 Furthermore, 2008 expenses incurred were much less than the prior three years,
243 and the actual expenses incurred from January to September as shown in the
244 following table:

CY 2005	CY 2006	CY 2007	CY 2008	Jan - Sep 2009
489,696	462,262	926,312	338,567	513,922

245
246 In his testimony Mr. McGarry suggests the goal should be to arrive at the most
247 reliable indicator of 2010 costs, yet his adjustment would leave only \$359,395 in
248 the test period – significantly less than any of the three years previous to 2008,
249 and less than 2009 costs through September. My adjustment to annualize the
250 2009 actual expenses will result in a more reasonable projection of ongoing
251 pension administration costs.

252 **Uncollectible Accounts Expense**

253 **Q. Please explain adjustment number 11.10 in your rebuttal Exhibit**
254 **RMP__(SRM-2R).**

255 A. Adjustment 11.10 Uncollectible Accounts Expense reduces the Company's
256 proposed uncollectible rate to the budgeted level. The Company's original filing
257 initially included the uncollectible expense using the escalated actual expense in

258 FERC account 904, resulting in an uncollectible rate of .352%. Subsequently, all
259 O&M was adjusted to the business unit targets, or budgeted amounts for the
260 twelve months ended June 2010. The Company's response to OCS 16.10 part B
261 states,

262 *“Rocky Mountain Power has a targeted uncollectible rate of 0.27% of retail*
263 *revenue. The targets are set for Rocky Mountain Power and not at the state level.*
264 *Chartwell recently released their benchmarking results for net write-off*
265 *percentage compared to retail revenue. The benchmarking result showed that the*
266 *electrical industry average for 2008 uncollectible rate was 0.68% of retail*
267 *revenue.”*

268 Since adjustment 11.4 reverses the original adjustment to the business unit target,
269 I am including adjustment 11.10 to restore the uncollectible rate to .27 percent for
270 this case. This is an example of an adjustment that was double counted in the
271 DPU's original filing because the budget adjustment was not reversed. This
272 adjustment reduces Utah revenue requirement by \$1.3 million.

273 **Q. Please briefly describe DPU's proposed adjustment for uncollectible expense.**

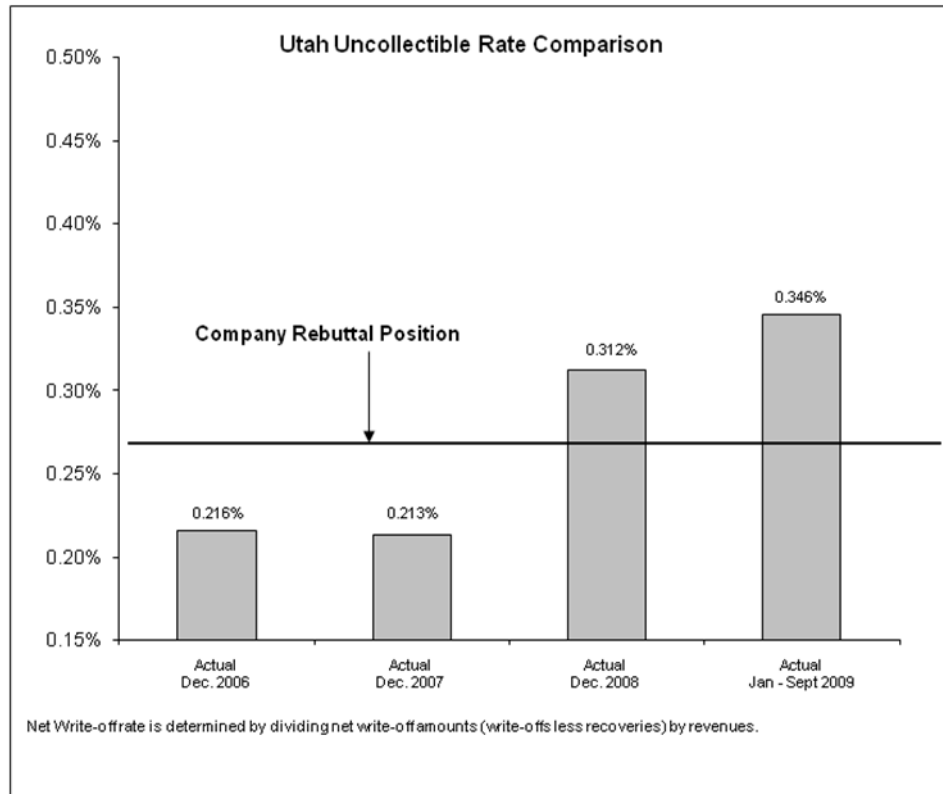
274 A. DPU witness Ms. Salter proposes to use an average of net write-off levels from
275 calendar years 2006, 2007, and 2008 to estimate the appropriate level in the 12
276 months ending June 2010. Using this methodology, Ms. Salter's adjustment is
277 approximately \$1.5 million.

278 **Q. Is Ms. Salter's proposed adjustment reasonable in determining the**
279 **Company's uncollectible accounts expense?**

280 A. No. Ms. Salter's historical average fails to account for the steep downturn in
281 recent economic conditions. Use of an historical average places equal weight on
282 all years, including earlier years during which the economy was relatively
283 healthy—2006 and 2007. The averaging method results in an amount below the

284 actual expense as seen in calendar year 2008 and year-to-date 2009 (January
285 through September).

286 The chart below shows Utah uncollectible rates (net write-offs as a
287 percentage of associated revenues) for the three calendar years used in DPU's
288 adjustment and also for year to date January through September 2009.



289 Although the Company's target uncollectible rate is aggressive compared
290 to recent history and industry average, the Company has included adjustment
291 11.10 to hold the uncollectible rate at .27 percent in this case.

292 In prior rate cases the Company has relied on the base period uncollectible
293 expense to compute the rate used for the test period. If the Commission prefers to
294 adopt a certain method for computing test year uncollectible expenses, such as an
295 average of actual as proposed by the DPU, it should be done as a matter of policy

296 rather than just adjusting to a lower amount when the Company's request is above
297 historical levels.

298 **Q. Do you have any additional concerns regarding Ms. Salter's proposed**
299 **adjustment?**

300 A. Yes. Ms. Salter references DPU witness Mr. Peterson's testimony and provides
301 her own insight on the status of the current economic situation. She explains that
302 Mr. Peterson cites factors pointing to a recovery, with caution that it could be
303 sluggish. On lines 223 through 226 of Ms. Salter's testimony, she states, "The
304 U.S. economy officially entered a recession in December 2007...[The] base year
305 is encompassed by the recession. The third quarter of 2009 shows a slight
306 recovery and predictions for a recovery in the 2010 year are favorable...[The]
307 Company's test year is included in this recovery period."

308 As seen in the chart above, the uncollectible rate experienced by the
309 Company as of September 2009 shows no sign of recovery, and it is unreasonable
310 to assume that the economy will recover by June 2010 to the levels experienced in
311 2006 and 2007. Unemployment in Utah is not expected to resume 2006/2007
312 levels any time soon. Mr. Mark Knold, chief economist of Utah Workforce
313 Services stated in an August 21, 2009 article, "We're not anticipating job gains
314 until the first half of 2010, and even then, there won't be any real aggressive
315 hiring by businesses." Mr. Knold goes on to state that "even though there are
316 now fledgling signs of an improvement in the national economy – such as an
317 uptick in orders as businesses restock their inventories – an excess of idle
318 production capacity is hampering the job market's recovery." Yet Ms. Salter

319 believes that an historical average calculation including years prior to the
320 economic recession will result in the most accurate reflection of June 2010
321 economic conditions.

322 **Airplane Expense**

323 **Q. Please explain adjustment number 11.11 in your rebuttal Exhibit**
324 **RMP___(SRM-2R).**

325 A. Adjustment 11.11 Airplane Expense reduces expenses in the test period for flights
326 that the Company agrees should be either below-the-line or situs allocated to other
327 states.

328 **Q. What is DPU Witness, Mr. David Thomson proposing with this adjustment?**

329 A. Mr. Thomson proposes 1) removing some flights he believes should be below-
330 the-line, 2) situs assigning flights with no direct benefit to Utah, and 3) removing
331 the corporate portion of fixed cost expenses and a rate base disallowance for the
332 non-utility use of the Company plane.

333 **Q. Does the Company monitor the flight logs and remove non-utility flight**
334 **expenses from results?**

335 A. Yes. The Company reviews flight logs and makes a good faith effort to charge
336 non-regulated fights below-the-line. For the 12 months ended December 31, 2008,
337 the Company removed \$37,715 in non-regulated expenses and billed Mid-
338 American Energy \$53,789 for the cost to fly crews to Illinois in July 2008 to help
339 with unexpected storm damage in Illinois.

340 **Q. What is the source of information Mr. Thomson used to prepare this**
341 **adjustment?**

342 A. Mr. Thomson used Company responses to Data request DPU 33.6c and OCS
343 11.9a.

344 **Q. Has the Company identified any misstatements in Mr. Thomson's proposed**
345 **adjustment?**

346 A. Yes. The first misstatement is a double count. DPU exhibits 4.2.2 and 4.2.3
347 include the same trip for item 1, which are then added together resulting in an
348 overstatement of \$12,013 before escalation. Second, Mr. Thomson removes
349 expenses using only FERC account 921. Some of the expenses were booked to
350 other accounts such as 557 and 908. This impacts the allocation and escalation
351 factor that should be used. Finally, he calculates his rate base and depreciation
352 expense adjustment incorrectly by including non-recurring events in the base
353 period.

354 **Q. Why did Mr. Thomson propose to remove fixed costs expenses?**

355 A. He mistakenly assumed that these costs relate to Mid-American Energy as
356 corporate overhead charges.

357 **Q. Are these expenses related to Mid-American Energy corporate overhead?**

358 A. No. The fixed costs of the Company aircraft are assigned to the business units of
359 the Company based on usage. The corporate business unit is made up of internal
360 departments that provide services to the entire Company such as finance and
361 regulation. These costs are assigned to flights used by Company employees who
362 belong to these corporate business units.

363 **Q. Does the Company agree with Mr. Thomson's adjustments to non-utility**
364 **expenses?**

365 A. No. The Company believes the flight identified to discuss generation issues
366 should be considered an above-the-line expense and be allocated system-wide.
367 Attendance at the Berkshire Hathaway shareholder meeting should also be an
368 above-the-line expense. The Company receives capital benefits from its
369 relationship with Mid-American Energy and Berkshire Hathaway, which are a
370 benefit to customers. The corporate fixed costs should be borne by PacifiCorp
371 customers and should not be removed. The Company agreed in its response to
372 OCS 11.9a to remove \$1,947 from results in flight costs that should have been
373 charged below-the-line. The Company also agrees to remove \$14,509 in flights
374 related to IPP 3 lawsuits because other expenses related to IPP 3 were removed
375 from results. These adjustments are made by the Company in adjustment 11.11.

376 **Q. What are the criteria used by Mr. Thomson to situs assign airplane flights?**

377 A. The determining factors used for situs assignment of flights were each flights'
378 state destination and that the Company's accounting transaction description had
379 no compelling proof or explanation that the trip benefited other states.

380 **Q. What are some examples of costs Mr. Thomson proposes to situs assign?**

381 A. He proposes situs assignment of flights to states to discuss Federal legislation,
382 marginal pricing issues, meeting with customers, and meetings to discuss
383 transmission and generation issues. In response to Company data requests, the
384 DPU admitted it does not believe transmission and generation costs should be
385 situs assigned. Therefore, Mr. Thomson's adjustment is modified to continue

386 allocating these costs.

387 **Q. What is Mr. Thomson's adjustment to rate base?**

388 A. He proposes an adjustment to disallow a portion of the rate base cost, depreciation
389 expense and accumulated deferred income tax balance for the company plane.
390 This adjustment is calculated by computing a percentage of below-the-line usage
391 from the base period and applying that ratio to the test year rate base, depreciation
392 expense and accumulated deferred income tax balance.

393 **Q. How does Mr. Thomson calculate the below-the-line ratio?**

394 A. Mr. Thomson calculates a percentage of below-the-line airplane usage by dividing
395 \$120,060, his proposed below-the-line expenses, by total company airplane
396 expense of \$1,156,225. This below-the-line ratio of 10.38 percent is then applied
397 to the test period.

398 **Q. Is it reasonable to assume that calendar year 2008 below-the-line ratio will be**
399 **the same in the test year?**

400 A. No. The ratio in the test period will not be the same as the base period because
401 over 40 percent of the below-the-line expenses (\$53,789) were for the amount
402 billed to MidAmerican Energy for unexpected storm damage, which is a non-
403 recurring event. There was also about \$9,000 of below-the-line expense for
404 spouses traveling on above the line flights. For these flights, the fixed costs
405 should be allocated to the employee conducting Company business, which was
406 the sole purpose of the flights, not to the spouses which were correctly recorded
407 below-the-line. Updating for all of Mr. Thomson's misstatements results in a
408 below-the-line ratio of about 4 percent, which is well below a reasonable

409 materiality threshold.

410 **Q. Is there an error with Mr. Thomson's proposed adjustment to depreciation?**

411 A. Yes. He makes an error in the calculation of his depreciation expense adjustment.

412 The first four months of 2008 added the calculation of fixed costs to the
413 individual flights. Depreciation expense was one of the components of the fixed
414 costs and was already removed when those costs were booked below-the-line.

415 **Q. Will you summarize your proposed adjustment?**

416 A. Yes. Adjustment 11.11 removes expense items identified by the Company using
417 the correct FERC accounts, allocation factors and escalation rates. The impact of
418 this adjustment reduces Total Company expense by \$71,017 or \$29,431 allocated
419 to Utah.

420 **Rent Expense**

421 **Q. Please explain adjustment number 11.12 in your rebuttal Exhibit**
422 **RMP___(SRM-2R).**

423 A. Adjustment 11.12 Rent Expense reduces expenses in the test period to remove the
424 cost of vacant office space. DPU witness Mr. Thomson proposed a similar
425 adjustment, and I am accepting certain parts of his proposal. My adjustment
426 removes rent expense for the first six months of 2008 related to the lease of office
427 space at the Lloyd 700 building. This lease expired in June 2008, with six months
428 of rent expense included in the base year.

429 **Q. Do you agree with the adjustment proposed by Mr. Thomson to remove**
430 **additional lease costs from the case?**

431 A. No. Other than the item addressed above, Mr. Thomson's adjustment to remove

432 costs for office space is incorrect.

433 Items 1 and 2 on DPU Exhibit 4.3.1 are sub-leases for office space in the
434 One Utah Center, the terms for which are \$1 per month rent plus operating
435 expenses. These leases are provided by the Company to the Economic
436 Development Corporation of Utah (EDCU) and Utah Sports Authority, and the
437 lease expense above \$1 per month is included as challenge grant expense, situs
438 assigned to Utah in FERC account 930. The Company believes this an
439 appropriate cost that benefits our Utah customers and the state as a whole. The
440 Company has worked with economic development organizations throughout the
441 service territory in an effort to: 1) provide accurate timely information to
442 companies considering expansion or relocation to the Company's service
443 territory; 2) help direct companies to locations where sufficient capacity exists to
444 meet their needs at an acceptable cost; and 3) influence economic development
445 policies that impact the overall cost of energy to existing electric customers.
446 Making contributions to EDCU and other entities by absorbing these lease
447 expenses is a key element to partnering with economic development organizations
448 that, in effect, become an industrial customers' first point of contact in the state. If
449 these expenses are not allowed to be recovered in rates the Company would be
450 forced to cancel or renegotiate these contracts.

451 Item 3 on DPU Exhibit 4.3.1 is for office space at the Lloyd Center Mall.
452 This space has been vacant since January 2007 and the lease expired March 2009.
453 No lease payments were made after January 2007 so there were no expenses
454 included in the base period. This adjustment removes expenses that are not

455 included in the case.

456 Item 4 is for office space at the Lloyd 700 building. Mr. Thomson
457 removes a full year of lease payments in DPU adjustment 4.3; however, as I
458 described earlier the Lloyd 700 building lease expired in June of 2008 and only
459 six months of expenses were booked in the base period.

460 **Q. Where did Mr. Thomson obtain the information relied upon for Exhibit**
461 **4.3.1?**

462 A. In his testimony Mr. Thomson states he relied on the Company's response to DPU
463 Data Request 33.4. He later clarified in response to RMP Request 3.2 that he also
464 relied on page 4.9.1 of Exhibit RMP____(SRM-2) in Docket No. 08-035-38. Since
465 the base period for Docket 08-035-38 was the twelve months ended June 30,
466 2008, and the base period in this case is the twelve months ended December 31,
467 2008, the adjustment used in the previous case does not directly translate into an
468 adjustment in this case. For example, on page 4.9.1 of Exhibit RMP____(SRM-2)
469 in Docket No. 08-035-38, the note for line 4, the Lloyd 700 building, states that
470 the lease expired June 2008.

471 **Q. Is there some lease expense that should be removed from results?**

472 A. Yes. The only expense that should be removed from results is Lloyd 700 building
473 rent expense for the first six months of 2008. Adjustment 11.12 removes
474 \$127,110 from results.

475 **Incremental Generation O&M**

476 **Q. Please explain adjustment number 11.13 in your rebuttal Exhibit**
477 **RMP___(SRM-2R).**

478 A. Adjustment 11.13 Incremental Generation O&M accepts the adjustment proposed
479 by OCS witness Ms. Ramas to remove the new O&M associated with non-wind
480 projects as a proxy for reduced generation O&M in the budget. As explained
481 earlier, the Company is accepting this adjustment in conjunction with adjustment
482 11.4, the reversal of the Company's original adjustment to business unit target
483 O&M expense. In reality, new generating facilities will increase the O&M costs
484 of the Company. However, the Company is continuing to look into ways to
485 reduce O&M to lessen the impact of price increases on our customers. The
486 Company continues to look for efficiencies in the generation O&M area of the
487 Company to absorb these costs in this case.

488 **Generation Overhaul**

489 **Q. Please explain adjustment number 11.14 in your rebuttal Exhibit**
490 **RMP___(SRM-2R).**

491 A. Adjustment 11.14 Generation Overhaul reduces the average overhaul expense
492 included in the test period because overhaul expenses currently projected to be
493 incurred at the Company's Currant Creek and Chehalis plants for 2009 are lower
494 than what is included in the Company's original filing. My adjustment updates
495 2009 Currant Creek and Chehalis expense levels with the actual expense and
496 updated balance-of-year forecast for 2009, as proposed by both the DPU and
497 OCS.

498 **Q. Please explain the Generation Overhaul adjustments proposed by both the**
499 **DPU and the CCS.**

500 A. The adjustments proposed by both OCS witness Ms. Ramas and DPU witness Ms.
501 Salter reduce the 2009 expenses for Currant Creek and Chehalis as described
502 above and also remove the escalation applied to the 4-year historical average as
503 included in the Company's filing. The Commission's Order in Docket No. 07-
504 035-93 included overhaul expenses based on a four-year historical average level,
505 but did not include the effects of inflation over the historical period. The
506 Commission stated that "escalation serves merely to inflate the average, and the
507 average is already higher than the budget."

508 **Q. Does the Company agree with the previous Commission Order and the**
509 **related adjustments proposed by the DPU and OCS?**

510 A. No. Even though the Company agrees with using a 4-year average level, the
511 Company continues to support the use of Global Insight indices to restate
512 historical overhaul expense in current dollars prior to calculating the four-year
513 average. Averages are intended to reduce year-to-year variances in expense, but
514 not adjust for the time value of money and the issue of inflation, as the value of
515 the dollar in the test period will be less than the value of the dollar in historical
516 years. Company incurred expenses four years ago cost more in test year dollars to
517 pay the same expense.

518 **Q. Aren't inflationary pressures already taken into account using the averaging**
519 **methodology?**

520 A. No. In fact, just the opposite is true. As shown in the illustration included in my

521 direct testimony, pages 18 and 19, the purpose of averaging is to adjust for uneven
 522 costs, not to adjust for inflation. Historical amounts need to be restated to current
 523 dollars to adjust for inflationary pressures. The simple example below shows the
 524 impact of averaging on inflation, assuming a 2.5 percent inflation rate, a \$100
 525 amount in year one, and a four year average of years one through four used to
 526 project costs in year five. Using this assumption, Example 1 shows the impact
 527 without adjusting for inflation, and Example 2 shows the impact when years one
 528 through four are adjusted for inflation to current dollars. As shown, with no
 529 escalation to account for inflation a four year average of costs is \$103.8, much
 530 less than the projected costs in year five, resulting in an expense level that is 2.5
 531 years old compared to the current expenses. In Example 2 the average is equal to
 532 the year five amount 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		

533 As shown above, averaging increases the need to adjust for inflation. It
 534 does not serve to inflate the average, but to adjust the average to the correct
 535 ongoing level.

536 **Environmental Settlement (PERCO)**

537 **Q. Please explain adjustment number 11.15 in your rebuttal Exhibit**
538 **RMP___(SRM-2R).**

539 A. Adjustment 11.15 Environmental Settlement (PERCO) accepts the adjustment
540 proposed by DPU witness Ms. Salter to reduce the projected spending on
541 environmental cleanup, thereby increasing the credit balance included as a rate
542 base deduction. In her adjustment, Ms. Salter proposes adjusting PERCO
543 expenses for the calendar year to a historical average level. As a policy matter, the
544 Company disagrees – when a forecast test period is used, a forecasted not a
545 historical level should be relied upon. However, 2009 year-to-date spending
546 related to PERCO is currently running behind plan, so the Company is accepting
547 this adjustment as an approximation of revised expenditures anticipated during the
548 test period.

549 **Deferred Transmission Project**

550 **Q. Please explain adjustment number 11.16 in your rebuttal Exhibit**
551 **RMP___(SRM-2R).**

552 A. Adjustment 11.16 Deferred Transmission Project accepts the adjustment proposed
553 by DPU witness Mr. McGarry, and a portion of the adjustment to plant held for
554 future use proposed by OCS witness Ms. Ramas. This adjustment removes the
555 preliminary survey and investigation costs for a transmission project in Herriman,
556 Utah, which the Company included in its original filing. The Company believes
557 similar costs should be included in rate base, since funds are spent that will
558 benefit customers when the project is completed, and because this project is no

559 longer in CWIP and not accruing AFUDC. However, due to the planned timing
560 of the Herriman transmission project and the technical accounting issues raised by
561 intervening parties in this case, the Company is accepting this adjustment.

562 **Bridger and Trapper Mines**

563 **Q. Please explain adjustment number 11.17 in your rebuttal Exhibit**
564 **RMP__(SRM-2R).**

565 A. Adjustment 11.17 Bridger and Trapper Mines updates the forecasted capital
566 additions at the Company's jointly-owned mines with actual information through
567 August 2009. This adjustment was proposed by DPU witness Mr. Croft and is
568 consistent with his recommendation to update all forecasted capital additions with
569 actual amounts placed in service through August 2009.

570 **Revised Plant Additions**

571 **Q. Please explain adjustments 11.18 through 11.22 in your Exhibit**
572 **RMP__(SRM-2R).**

573 A. Adjustments 11.18 through 11.22 relate to changes in plant additions and
574 retirements in response to various data requests and intervenor testimony, as
575 described below. Adjustments 11.18 and 11.19 show the impact on electric plant
576 in service related to changes in plant additions and retirements. Adjustments
577 11.20 and 11.21 show the corresponding impact on depreciation expense and
578 depreciation reserve. Adjustment 11.22 shows the tax related impacts.

579 **Q. Various witnesses for intervening parties also proposed adjustments to**
580 **capital additions. Does the Company agree with these proposed adjustments?**

581 A. The Company is accepting in principle adjustments to capital additions, plant

582 retirements, depreciation expense, and depreciation reserve as proposed by DPU
583 witness Mr. Croft. The Company's revised adjustment to capital additions and
584 plant retirements is calculated using actual additions and retirements from January
585 2009 to August 2009, including the change in the balance in FERC account 106
586 (unclassified plant) in the capital addition adjustment. Adjustment 11.18 also
587 includes updates to the forecast amounts and project in-service dates for the
588 projected September 2009 through June 2010 time period, as provided in the
589 Company's response to DPU Data Requests 5.3, 29.24, and 42.6. In these
590 responses the Company provided information regarding projects that were placed
591 into service early or late or that currently have a different forecast amount than
592 what was contained in the original filing. When adjusting the plant forecasts
593 included in the case the Company has taken into account if amounts for projects
594 in the original case were forecasted to be placed into service in more than one
595 month.

596 Changes to the Company's original filing include updates to the forecasted
597 amounts and in-service dates for the High Plains and McFadden Ridge I wind
598 plants, as identified in the Company's response to DPU Data Requests DPU 42.6
599 and DPU 29.24 1st Supplemental, and as proposed by DPU witness Mr. Croft and
600 UAE witness Mr. Higgins (the reduction in the High Plains amount placed in
601 service). Adjustment 11.18 also removes the contingency costs for the McFadden
602 Ridge I plant as proposed by DPU witness Ms. Jodi Zenger because the most
603 recent forecast supports that these contingency costs will not be needed.
604 Company witness Mr. A. Robert Lasich further explains the Company's position

605 regarding contingency costs as addressed by Ms. Zenger.

606 **Q. Do you agree with the adjustment proposed by OCS witness Ms. Ramas to**
607 **reduce all projected capital additions by 5.77 percent?**

608 A. No. Ms. Ramas compares total Company actual plant additions for January
609 through August 2009 to the amounts forecasted in the Company's case and
610 concludes that because the total placed in service is 5.77 percent lower than the
611 amount forecasted for the same period, all forecasted capital additions included in
612 the Company's filing should be reduced by the same 5.77 percent. However, as
613 Mr. Croft's proposed adjustment clearly illustrates, while the total Company
614 amount placed in service may be less than the overall amount projected, on a state
615 allocated basis the impact on the case may be far different than just cutting all
616 projected spend by a blanket percentage. Ms. Ramas' adjustment decreases
617 capital in every functional category without consideration as to whether that
618 functional category had more or less placed into service than what was in the
619 Company's original filing. For example, even though at the end of August 2009
620 the Company had placed more into service in the Utah Distribution category than
621 what was contained in the original filing, Ms. Ramas' adjustment decreases this
622 category, along with every other category, by 5.77 percent.

623 **Q. Do you have any other comments regarding updating forecasted capital**
624 **additions with actual capital additions for January through August 2009?**

625 A. Yes. Even though I have accepted the adjustment to update forecasted capital
626 additions with actual amounts through August 2009, the Company is continually
627 analyzing the capital needs of the electrical system to determine which

628 investments are required to maintain and provide reliable service to its customers.
629 It is not uncommon to change priorities in order to benefit the entire system. This
630 may involve accelerating a project because of a critical need, which may cause a
631 delay in other projects, thus changing the mix of plant additions from what was
632 included in the original rate case filing. As demonstrated by the DPU adjustment,
633 this changing mix in plant additions may or may not have an impact on the
634 revenue requirement for a given jurisdiction and test period.

635 The approach taken by the DPU is more appropriate for this case because
636 it considers the impact of changing capital additions on a jurisdictional basis. Ms.
637 Ramas' position disregards possible changes in the timing of projects being
638 placed into service. For example, the High Plains wind project and McFadden
639 Ridge I wind project, which were both included in the filing with October 2009
640 in-service dates were both placed into service in September 2009, a month early.
641 Since the Company uses a 13-month average method for including plant
642 additions, placing those plants into service a month early would increase the 13-
643 month average. Overall, Ms. Ramas' adjustment fails to take these issues into
644 consideration and should therefore be rejected.

645 **Plant Related Tax Update**

646 **Q. Please explain adjustment number 11.22 in your rebuttal Exhibit**
647 **RMP___(SRM-2R).**

648 A. Adjustment 11.22 Plant Related Tax Update revises the Company's revenue
649 requirement for the tax impacts associated with adjustment numbers 11.18
650 through 11.21.

651 **Net Power Costs (Including SMUD Settlement)**

652 **Q. Please explain adjustment number 11.23 in your rebuttal Exhibit**
653 **RMP___(SRM-2R).**

654 A. Adjustment 11.23 Net Power Costs updates the Company's revenue requirement
655 for the issues addressed and is described in the testimony of Company witness
656 Mr. Gregory N. Duvall. Mr. Duvall's revised net power costs include adjustments
657 to the wind plant in service dates consistent with the capital adjustments described
658 above. He also includes price changes related to the special contracts for reserve
659 and QF pricing effective January 1, 2010, consistent with adjustment 11.2, and
660 treats the SMUD contract consistent with the settlement agreement reached in
661 Docket No. 09-035-T08.

662 **Lead Lag Study**

663 **Q. Please explain adjustment number 11.24 in your rebuttal Exhibit**
664 **RMP___(SRM-2R).**

665 A. Adjustment 11.24 Lead Lag Study updates the Utah net lead lag days from 5.6 to
666 5.45 based on the concepts recommended by DPU witness Mr. Croft. For
667 purposes of this case, the Company accepts Mr. Croft's proposal to compute cash
668 working capital using the forecast results of operations as calculated in the JAM
669 model applied to the itemized historical lag days as calculated in the Company's
670 2007 Lead Lag Study. The 5.45 net lead lag days differs slightly from Mr. Croft's
671 calculated net lag days because the rebuttal JAM model includes revised net
672 power costs and updates to other items. The Company is not opposed to this
673 adjustment in this case and will further evaluate its use in subsequent cases. The

674 Company is opposed, however, to the re-allocation of the Washington Public
675 Utility Tax as raised by Mr. Croft as I will describe later in my testimony. The
676 impact of this allocation issue on the lead lag study is not reflected in my
677 adjustment.

678 **Allocation Factor Update**

679 **Q. Please explain adjustment number 11.25 in your rebuttal Exhibit**
680 **RMP___(SRM-2R).**

681 A. Adjustment 11.25 Allocation Factor Update quantifies the impact of the rebuttal
682 adjustments adopted by the Company on the dynamic inter-jurisdictional
683 allocation factors. Allocation factors are influenced by a variety of changes,
684 including changes to rate base and net power costs. The impact of each
685 adjustment summarized at the beginning of my testimony does not capture the
686 change, if any, that adjustment has on the allocation factors. This adjustment
687 updates allocation factors for all the adjustments included above.

688 **ADJUSTMENTS REJECTED BY THE COMPANY**

689 **401(k) Administration**

690 **Q. DPU witness Mr. McGarry proposed an adjustment to reduce 401(k)**
691 **administrative expense. Do you agree with his adjustment?**

692 A. No. As shown on DPU Exhibit 3.5.1, Mr. McGarry proposes an adjustment to
693 reduce the 401(k) administrative costs by \$470,000 (or a reduction to O&M
694 expenses of \$333,128). Because the Company's original filing only included
695 \$335,818, such an adjustment would result in a negative amount in the test year of
696 (\$134,182). In the DPU's supplemental response to Company Data Request 6.1,

697 Mr. McGarry stated that he intended to recommend that the test period include
698 \$335,818 for 401(k) administration expenses, which is the same amount the
699 Company included in the test period, and consequently, his proposed adjustment
700 is not necessary.

701 **Q. Please explain further.**

702 A. In an apparent attempt to remove a credit from the base period, Mr. McGarry
703 computes an adjustment to 401(k) administrative expense in DPU Exhibit 3.5.2.
704 His computation is unnecessary because the Company's case already adjusts
705 amounts booked to the 401(k) administration expense account during the base
706 year to the projected test period level.

707 The Company's case was prepared starting with unadjusted accounting
708 information (according to GAAP and following the FERC uniform system of
709 accounts) and adjusting those results to get to the forecast amount. Intervening
710 parties in this case, including the DPU, have proposed adjustments to the
711 Company's filing for various items, adjustments which are made incrementally to
712 the *test period* amounts proposed by the Company. In trying to remove the
713 \$470,000 credit from the base period, Mr. McGarry has actually removed it from
714 the forecast amount, reducing 401(k) administration expenses from \$335,818 to a
715 negative \$134,182.

716 **Property Insurance**

717 **Q. Do you agree with the adjustment to property insurance proposed by DPU**
718 **witness Mr. McGarry?**

719 A. No. Mr. McGarry proposes an adjustment to 1) remove from the base year a low

720 claim bonus received for policy year 2007, and 2) increase the low claim bonus
721 included in the projected test period expenses.

722 **Q. Please explain the flaws of Mr. McGarry's proposal to remove a bonus from**
723 **the base year property insurance expense?**

724 A. Mr. McGarry correctly explains that the base year (calendar year 2008) in the
725 Company's case included two low claim bonuses that had the effect of reducing
726 property insurance expense for 2008. The first bonus was for \$869,677 for policy
727 year 2007 and the second bonus was for \$869,963 for policy year 2008. Mr.
728 McGarry proposes to remove the 2007 policy year bonus of \$869,677 on the basis
729 that it is a non-recurring item.

730 However, the Company has already adjusted the base year in the case to a
731 normalized *test period* level of expense which as Mr. McGarry himself explains
732 already includes just one low claim bonus. Just as I explained in my description
733 of Mr. McGarry's proposed 401(k) administration expense adjustment, the
734 intervenors in this case should be proposing adjustments to the *test period*
735 amounts proposed by the Company. As illustrated below, the Company's original
736 filing included adjustments to property insurance expense which increases the
737 base year expense of \$9.1 million (which included two low claim bonuses) to
738 arrive at a test period level of \$9.8 million (which only includes one low claim
739 bonus). Line 9 of DPU Exhibit 3.6.2 demonstrates that Mr. McGarry intends to
740 recommend a normalized level of expense for property insurance of \$9,770,454.
741 As shown below, Mr. McGarry's proposed adjustment would, in reality, reduce
742 the Company's filed property insurance expense from \$9.8 million to \$8.9

743 million:

744	Base year expense	\$9,132,238
745	O&M escalation applied in adj 4.3	276,424
746	<u>Insurance expense adj 4.17</u>	<u>370,723</u>
747	Normalized Property Insurance in Case	\$9,779,385
748	Mr. McGarry's proposed adjustments	
749	Remove 2 nd bonus	(\$869,677)
750	<u>Additional low claims bonus</u>	<u>(\$8,931)</u>
751	Total McGarry Adjustments	(\$878,608)
752	McGarry's adjusted level in the case	\$8,900,777
753	<u>McGarry's proposed level DPU 3.6.2, Line 9</u>	<u>\$9,770,454</u>
754	Misstatement	(\$869,677)

755 **Q. Does Mr. McGarry also make an adjustment to update the amount of**
756 **forecasted property insurance expense?**

757 A. Yes. The Company's forecasted property insurance expense of \$9,779,385
758 includes one low claim bonus of \$850,000. Mr. McGarry proposes to update the
759 forecast figure based on his incorrect interpretation of the response to MDR 2.34.
760 The Company included an \$850,000 bonus in the original filing and then in data
761 response OCS 5.4 stated it was removing the \$850,000 bonus from the pro forma
762 amount based on communication from insurance carriers that they were not likely
763 to distribute bonuses due to the losses and reductions in liquidity the carriers had
764 experienced in recent months. Mr. McGarry states in direct testimony "The
765 Company had already received the low claim amount of \$858,931. Therefore, the
766 reduction for the low claim bonus should be included in the normalized level." He
767 further states, "Actually, the \$850,000 that the Company originally used, then
768 removed, should be increased to \$858,931." To better understand MDR 2.34, it
769 includes bonuses of \$1,739,640 for calendar year 2008 and \$858,931 in the period

770 May 2008 to April 2009. These two periods overlap each other for the months of
 771 May 2008 to December 2008 and the \$858,931 bonus is included in both columns
 772 on MDR 2.34 as illustrated in the table below.

	<u>CY 2008</u>	<u>May 08 to Apr 09</u>	<u>Months Recorded</u>
773 Policy Year 2007	\$880,709	\$0	March 2008
774	(\$11,032)	(\$11,032)	June to Nov 2008
775 Subtotal	\$869,677	(\$11,032)	
777 Policy Year 2008	\$869,963	\$869,963	Nov to Dec 2008
778 MDR 2.34 Total	<u>\$1,739,640</u>	<u>\$858,931</u>	

779 The Company has not yet received a bonus for the 2009 policy period, but has
 780 included a bonus in the rate case.

781 **Q. What does the Company recommend regarding the proposed adjustments to**
 782 **property insurance expense?**

783 A. The Company recommends the Commission reject Mr. McGarry's adjustment in
 784 its entirety to remove the 2007 policy year bonus from results. The case already
 785 includes a normalized test period level of expense with one low claim bonus
 786 totaling \$850,000. The Company also recommends the Commission reject Mr.
 787 McGarry's adjustment to increase the low claim bonus by \$8,931 (\$858,931
 788 minus \$850,000) because the Company has of yet not received any additional
 789 bonus beyond the 2008 policy year.

790 **Injuries and Damages**

791 **Q. Please explain the adjustment to injuries and damages expense adjustment**
 792 **proposed by DPU witness Mr. McGarry.**

793 A. Mr. McGarry proposes to compute test period injuries and damages expenses
 794 based on a 5 year (60 months) average using the most current information

795 available instead of the 3 year average as approved by the Commission in Docket
796 No. 07-035-93 and used by the Company in this case .

797 **Q. Did Mr. McGarry make any errors or incorrect assumptions in his**
798 **calculations which have not been corrected?**

799 A. Yes. Mr. McGarry again mistakenly recommends adjusting the Company's base
800 year by adding back the base year insurance cash received in an attempt to
801 convert the Company's base year accrual amount to a cash figure. As explained
802 previously, the Company's case was prepared by making adjustments to
803 accounting information in the base year to arrive at the test period. In the case of
804 injuries and damages expense, the Company removes the accrued expenses from
805 the base year and replaces them with a three year average of the net cash outlay.
806 The Company's adjustment must be done in this manner – the starting point for
807 the results of operations is actual accrual-based accounting data for calendar year
808 2008. No further adjustment to the base year by intervening parties is needed, and
809 would only be duplicative. Unless the Company's original adjustment is entirely
810 reversed, adjustments proposed by intervening parties are incremental to the
811 Company's *test period* amounts.

812 The Company's test period includes \$4.3 million for injuries and damages,
813 based on a three year cash average consistent with the Commission's Order in
814 Docket No. 07-035-93. The Company's original adjustment 4.17 is illustrated
815 below:

816	Net base year expense - accrual basis	\$3,255,573
817	Net 3 year average - cash basis	<u>4,320,393</u>
818	Adjustment amount	\$1,064,820

819 On line 20 of Mr. McGarry's Exhibit 3.7.2 (revised) he recommends a test period
820 amount of \$4,107,586, only \$212,807 less than the Company's filing (all on a
821 total Company basis). Yet, because of Mr. McGarry's erroneous revision of the
822 Company's base year expenses, he makes an adjustment in DPU Exhibit 3.7.1
823 (revised) to reduce the total Company amount by \$3.1 million.

824 **Q. Does the Company agree with using a 5 year average to calculate injury and**
825 **damage expense?**

826 A. No. In Docket No. 07-035-93, the Company and the Committee of Consumer
827 Services (now the OCS), recommended the use of a three year average on a cash
828 basis, which was ultimately approved by the Commission. The Company believes
829 a three year average is an appropriate time frame to smooth out the expense level
830 variations from one year to the next. Changing the averaging method simply to
831 achieve a lower revenue requirement is arbitrary and bad regulatory policy.

832 **Q. Are you concerned with the proposal to use 'the most current information**
833 **available' to calculate the average injury and damage expense?**

834 A. Yes. Mr. McGarry recommends using 60 months of the most current information
835 available to him, after the case has been filed. The Company has always used the
836 most current information available at the time of the preparation of the revenue
837 requirement filing. Each time the Company prepares this adjustment it does not
838 review a broader set of data and then choose which 3 year period best suits the
839 Company's situation. The Company views Mr. McGarry's proposal of updating to
840 the most current information as merely choosing a data set to achieve a bottom
841 line outcome because the use of the Company's filed 3 year average already

842 accomplishes the objective of providing a smoothing of expense. Continually
843 updating all items in the case will prove burdensome on all parties.

844 **Q. What does the Company recommend for an injury and damage expense**
845 **adjustment?**

846 A. The Company recommends the Commission reject the proposed 5 year average
847 based on the most current month information and accept the Company's 3 year
848 cash-based average, calculated by starting at the end of the base period and
849 reaching back 3 years. The Company believes the 3 year average is an
850 appropriate time frame to provide the desired smoothing of expense and would
851 also help to minimize the calculation disagreements, errors and omissions briefly
852 outlined above. However, if the Commission recommends changing to a 5 year
853 cash basis average, the averaged periods should end coincident with the end of the
854 base period in this case. Such an adjustment would increase revenue requirement
855 by \$505,302 on a total Company basis and \$208,767 on a Utah basis from what
856 was originally filed.

857 **MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company ("MEHC") Management Fee**

858 **Q. In her direct testimony, OCS witness Ms. Ramas recommends that the**
859 **management fees charged by MEHC be reduced. Do you agree with her**
860 **recommendations?**

861 A. No. Charges from MEHC for MEHC Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan
862 ("SERP"), MEHC bonuses and MidAmerican Energy Company bonuses are
863 reasonable, above-the-line costs. The Company has benefitted and will continue
864 to benefit from having MEHC as its holding company in several respects. Since

865 MEHC acquired PacifiCorp, it has implemented cost cutting strategies that have
866 saved ratepayers millions of dollars. For example, it is no coincidence that our
867 labor costs either come in lower or almost level with every rate case filed – even
868 during periods when medical costs were rising significantly from year to year.
869 MEHC’s safety policies have made a positive difference in the Company’s safety
870 record, which also translates into dollars saved. Corporate functions that are
871 performed by MEHC on behalf of PacifiCorp also save ratepayers money because
872 PacifiCorp does not have to perform those functions on its own. If MEHC were
873 not performing those functions, for example, then PacifiCorp would have to do so
874 and may have to do it at a higher cost. Also, because the Company’s ownership
875 changed from a publicly held company to a privately held utility, there are no
876 shareholders’ services costs that must be paid. Notably, before MEHC
877 ownership, the Company paid \$15 million to its prior owners in management
878 costs. In keeping with its cost cutting philosophies, when MEHC acquired the
879 Company, MEHC agreed that ratepayers need only pay \$9 million of the \$15
880 million typically paid to the prior owner. In sum, the Company has shown that as
881 a result of MEHC’s philosophy of running a streamlined company, millions of
882 dollars have been saved to the benefit of the Company, but most importantly, to
883 the benefit of the Company’s ratepayers.

884 **Q. Ms. Ramas states that because she recommended SERP costs for the**
885 **Company be disallowed, she's also recommending that SERP costs**
886 **associated with MEHC be disallowed. Do you agree with her**
887 **recommendation?**

888 A. No. SERP costs are reasonable because they are an essential part of executive
889 compensation in retaining the types of highly qualified executives that make
890 decisions with positive impacts on ratepayers. Company executives receive
891 support from MEHC executives and many decisions are made at the MEHC level
892 that have a direct positive impact on Utah ratepayers. The Commission addressed
893 the question of whether SERP costs should be disallowed in Docket No. 99-035-
894 10. In its Order, the Commission, in support of the Company's argument, noted
895 "it is our opinion that a SERP plan is an essential part of executive compensation
896 in recruiting and retaining qualified executives, and we therefore reject the
897 Committee's adjustment and accept the Company's."¹

898 **Washington Public Utility Tax**

899 **Q. Please summarize the adjustment related to the Washington Public Utility**
900 **Tax as proposed by DPU witness Mr. Croft.**

901 A. The Company's filing included \$9.3 million for the Washington Public Utility
902 Tax (WPUT) allocated on an SO factor, resulting in \$3.9 million being allocated
903 to Utah. Mr. Croft claims that this tax expense should be situs assigned to
904 Washington because the tax revenue benefits only Washington citizens.

¹ *Re PacifiCorp, dba Utah Power and Light Company*, Docket No. 99-035-10, Utah Public Service Commission (May 24, 2000).

905 **Q. Does the Company agree that it is appropriate to situs assign the WPUT as**
906 **recommended by Mr. Croft?**

907 A. No. Assigning this expense directly to Washington ratepayers is not appropriate.
908 The system allocation of various state specific tax items has been an accepted part
909 of the Company's inter-jurisdictional cost allocation methodologies for many
910 years. System allocation is based on the premise that individual states served by
911 the Company may implement tax policy through different mechanisms, but with
912 similar impacts on the operation of one integrated system. For example, the states
913 of Washington and Wyoming do not have a state income tax, which the Company
914 pays in all other states including Utah and allocates system-wide. Mr. Croft's
915 adjustment drastically departs from the generally accepted method the Company
916 has used to recover the Washington Public Utility Tax for over 15 years.

917 **Q. Please give a brief history of how the treatment of the WPUT has evolved**
918 **over the past 15 years.**

919 A. Following the merger of Pacific Power and Light Company and Utah Power and
920 Light Power on January 9, 1989, a task force was established to study the issue of
921 inter-jurisdictional allocations of system plant and expenses. Members of the
922 PacifiCorp Inter-jurisdictional Task Force on Allocations (PITA) included
923 regulatory agency representatives from each state jurisdiction in which PacifiCorp
924 serves, including Utah. PITA specifically determined and directed that state
925 income taxes and the Washington Business Tax,² be allocated system-wide.
926 Please see Exhibit RMP___(SRM-4R), Summary of the PITA Accord, pages 2

² The Washington Public Utility Tax has often been referred to as the Washington Business Tax. In fact, the Washington Department of Revenue states the Washington Public Utility Tax is in lieu of the Business and Occupation Tax.

927 and 3. Table 1 of this exhibit demonstrates the system allocation treatment under
928 PITA Accord and Rolled-In and this treatment was carried forward into Revised
929 Protocol. A change of this nature is more appropriately dealt with through the
930 established MSP standing committee.

931 **Q. Can you give other examples of taxes that the Company pays and allocates**
932 **on a system basis that only benefits the citizens in one state?**

933 A. Yes. Even though state income taxes as well as property taxes (neither of which
934 have been challenged in this case) paid to each individual states taxing authority
935 go directly to the benefit of that state's citizens, the Company's expense for these
936 taxes are allocated system-wide. In 2008, the Company paid approximately \$38
937 million in property taxes to the state of Utah, benefitting the residents of Utah. In
938 addition, from 1995 to 2006 the Company paid a Gross Receipts Tax in Utah that
939 was system allocated. This tax only benefitted Utah residents, but was partially
940 paid by non-Utah ratepayers for eleven years.

941 **Blue Sky Costs**

942 **Q. Please describe the adjustment to remove Blue Sky Costs as proposed by**
943 **OCS witness Ms. Ramas.**

944 A. Ms. Ramas proposes to reduce test year expenses by \$1,115,489 on a total
945 Company basis and \$460,864 on a Utah allocated basis because of a claim that
946 certain Blue Sky related costs posted to FERC account 923 Outside Services were
947 booked incorrectly above-the-line and should thus be removed.

948 **Q. Does the Company agree with Ms. Ramas' claim?**

949 A. No. As testified by Ms. Ramas, in January 2008 the Company changed its

950 accounting methodology from charging administrative costs related to Blue Sky
951 to operation and maintenance accounts and began booking to non-regulated
952 liability accounts. This is accomplished through the use of designated Blue Sky
953 orders set up internally through SAP, the Company's accounting system.

954 **Q. What is the purpose of using accounting orders for Blue Sky costs?**

955 A. The purpose of the orders is to capture Blue Sky costs by jurisdiction and by
956 various expense categories. Additionally, once booked, the orders transfer the
957 costs into liability accounts where they will ultimately reside.

958 **Q. Can you please explain the process of booking administrative costs such as
959 those identified by Ms. Ramas to liability accounts?**

960 A. Yes. All the costs identified by Ms. Ramas were initially booked to FERC
961 account 923 and assigned designated Blue Sky orders. These costs were then
962 transferred out of FERC Account 923, in the same month they were initially
963 charged, into FERC Account 254 – Other Regulatory Liabilities. The result is a
964 credit entry to FERC Account 923 and a debit to FERC Account 254, which posts
965 below-the-line. All of the items identified by Ms. Ramas ended up below-the-line
966 and are already excluded from the revenue requirement included in this case.
967 Exhibit RMP___(SRM-3R) shows the original debit entries posted to FERC
968 Account 923 and the associated credit entries transferring them out of regulated
969 results.

970 **Q. Were there any Blue Sky costs charged above-the-line that were removed
971 through normalizing adjustments in this case?**

972 A. Yes. The Company has continued to audit and remove any Blue Sky related costs

973 that are erroneously booked above-the-line. However, due to the minimal amount
 974 of charges included in the base period, these costs were removed as part of the
 975 Company's miscellaneous general expense adjustment rather than in a stand-alone
 976 adjustment. In the base year, \$3,729 of total company administrative costs for
 977 Blue Sky remained above the line in FERC accounts 909 and 923. These costs
 978 were removed in Exhibit RMP____(SRM-2), page 4.1 (Miscellaneous General
 979 Expense). Detail was provided in data request OCS 5.9 and is shown in the table
 980 below:

981 **Blue Sky Costs Removed in Adjustment 4.1**

FERC Acct	Expense	Total Co	UT Alloc	Postg Date
9090000	JACKSONVILLE BLUE SKY AD RESIZE(PACI-723)	100	48	9/29/2008
9090000	BLUE SKY WORDMARK	2,398	1,146	12/27/2008
9090000	frames for Blue Sky business certificates	81	39	11/4/2008
9230000	BLUE SKY TRADEMARK RENEWAL - FEB 08	118	49	7/11/2008
9230000	BLUE SKY TRADEMARK RENEWAL - JUL 08	615	254	8/26/2008
9230000	BLUE SKY TRADEMARK RENEWAL - JUN 08	371	153	8/26/2008
9230000	DUBB CHG-WILLARD POWER LINES COAL POWER BLUE SKY S	48	20	5/21/2008
		3,729	1,708	

982 In addition, the purchases of green tags to satisfy program requirements were
 983 booked to FERC account 555 in the 2008 base year. These costs are removed on
 984 page 5.4 of Exhibit RMP____(SRM-2).

985 **Q. What is the Company's recommendation concerning additional removal of**
 986 **Blue Sky costs?**

987 **A.** Because all the costs identified by Ms. Ramas have already been removed by the
 988 Company, no further adjustment should be made related to the Blue Sky program.

989 **Chehalis Due Diligence Bonuses**

990 **Q. Do you agree with the adjustment proposed by OCS witness Ms. Ramas to**
991 **remove bonuses paid to employees involved in the Chehalis plant due**
992 **diligence?**

993 A. No. In the Company's response to OCS Data Request 16.2(a) Ms. Ramas
994 identified \$193,500 for bonuses paid related to the Company's acquisition of the
995 Chehalis plant. Ms. Ramas states, "These bonuses would have been specific to
996 the Chehalis acquisition and will not be repeated in the test year." These bonuses
997 were intended to reward employees for their performance in acquiring a cost
998 effective resource that will benefit customers for many years.

999 Ms. Ramas is correct that these specific bonus payments will not be
1000 repeated in the test period. However, the Company will continue to incur similar
1001 type bonus payments on a routine basis throughout the test period. Such bonuses
1002 are booked to GL account 500400, which includes numerous other small bonuses
1003 intended to reward and motivate employees to perform at a high level. The very
1004 nature of this account suggests that individual awards will be one-time events, but
1005 the overall level of expense for this account included in the test period can
1006 reasonably be expected to occur again during the test period and into the future.

1007 **Utah Distribution Maintenance**

1008 **Q. Please describe the adjustment to Utah Distribution Maintenance expense as**
1009 **proposed by OCS witness Ms. Ramas.**

1010 A. Ms. Ramas proposes to disallow a total of \$3,452,889 of Utah allocated
1011 preventative and corrective (P&C) maintenance costs added to results in the

1012 Company's adjustment 4.12 – Utah Distribution Maintenance. The Company
1013 reduced spending on P&C maintenance between the base year months of
1014 September 2008 to December 2008 in response to the Commission's Order in
1015 Docket No. 07-035-93. Adjustment 4.12 includes the foregone expenditures to
1016 bring P&C maintenance costs in line with planned amounts. In her testimony,
1017 Ms. Ramas argues that the Company has not been able to provide a reasonable
1018 level of support for adjustment 4.12. She argues that the Company may be
1019 attempting to double-recover the labor component, and that the Company has not
1020 been able to demonstrate what specific non-labor costs were foregone as result of
1021 the decreased P&C maintenance efforts.

1022 **Q. What is preventative and corrective maintenance?**

1023 A. Preventative maintenance includes substation inspection programs, planned
1024 overhauls of major equipment, pole test and treat programs, line patrol, and
1025 inspection programs. Its major focus is to inspect equipment and identify
1026 abnormal conditions. Corrective maintenance is primarily intended to correct
1027 abnormal conditions found during the inspection process. It may include repairs to
1028 major equipment, repairs to structures and bus work, repairs to switches and
1029 insulators and overhead and underground line maintenance.

1030 **Q. Please describe the purpose of adjustment 4.12 – Utah Distribution Expense.**

1031 A. Adjustment 4.12 - Utah Distribution Expense normalizes the costs incurred in
1032 calendar year 2008 to reflect an adequate level of costs required for P&C
1033 maintenance on an ongoing basis. The adequate level of expense is derived from
1034 the 'Normal Expense' figures presented in page 4.12.1 of Company Exhibit

1035 RMP___(SRM-2). These figures represent what the Company has deemed would
1036 be necessary to provide timely and reliable electric service to all Utah ratepayers.

1037 The normal expense level for the preventative maintenance category is
1038 equivalent to the Company's budget for this activity for the period described.
1039 Within overall budget guidelines and targets, preventative maintenance spend is
1040 derived from Company maintenance policy and program guidelines driven by
1041 operational history, manufacturer's recommendations and industry standards.
1042 Within the same guidelines and targets, corrective maintenance is generally
1043 derived from historical spend levels and trends by area or district and maintenance
1044 activity type plus known exceptions. Consideration is given to the condition of
1045 the equipment as well as identified areas with specific needs or requirements.
1046 Priorities are typically determined by asset condition determined through the
1047 equipment inspection process.

1048 **Q. Do you agree with the argument that the Company may be attempting to**
1049 **double-recover labor costs?**

1050 A. No. While the Company does not contest Ms. Ramas' observation that the
1051 Company has not reduced its workforce by termination or removal, it is not a
1052 relevant implication when considering the normal level of expense attributed to
1053 P&C maintenance. Even though the Company did not lay off any internal
1054 distribution and transmission staff during the September 2008 through December
1055 2008 period, this work would have been mainly performed by outside contractors.

1056 **Q. Please describe if adjustment 4.2 – Wage and Employee Benefits has an effect**
1057 **on the level of labor recovered by the Company.**

1058 A. Adjustment 4.2 does not capture the level of work performed in a specific
1059 function but rather the effect of pay increases and incentives between the base
1060 period and the test year. Therefore, no double counting would result from this
1061 adjustment.

1062 **Q. Please describe the Company’s efforts implemented to reduce the level of**
1063 **P&C maintenance?**

1064 A. As observed by the OCS, the Company did not implement program cost
1065 reductions by terminating employees, but rather by modulating and reducing the
1066 level of maintenance workload assigned to internal and external-contract labor
1067 pools. The cost reductions consisted primarily of reduced contract labor during
1068 the time period from September 2008 – December 2008.

1069 **Q. Please identify how the ‘Normal Expense’ levels presented by the Company**
1070 **are useful in determining the maintenance cost reductions during the**
1071 **September 2008-December 2008 period.**

1072 A. As discussed above, the reduction in the P&C Program costs emerged primarily
1073 from the reduction of contractor services. In the period between September 2008
1074 and December 2008, a monthly average of \$3,370,721 was incurred, which
1075 equates to a total 4-month average of \$13,482,885. When comparing this total
1076 average to what would be considered a normal level in the time period prior to the
1077 reduction, it can be seen that the Company reduced spending substantially. As
1078 shown in the table below, when comparing the September to December 2008

1079 contractor labor 4-month average to the same time period in 2007 the cost
 1080 reduction is \$4,998,553. By comparing to the January 2007 – August 2008 period,
 1081 the Company reduced its total average spending by \$4,735,164. Finally, when
 1082 comparing to a total 4-month normal average level for the January-August 2008
 1083 period, an even more substantial reduction of \$6,103,477 is identified. This
 1084 comparison is useful because it provides a basis to show that the Company’s
 1085 ‘normal’ level of expense is an adequate measure to gauge the cost reductions
 1086 under a normal spending environment.

Contractor Services Expenditures

Time Period	Monthly Average	Monthly Average (Sep 2008 – Dec 2008)	Comparative Average Savings (Sep 2008 – Dec 2008)
Sep 2007 - Dec 2007	\$ 4,620,360	\$ 3,370,721	\$ 4,998,553
Jan 2007 - Aug 2008	\$ 4,554,512	\$ 3,370,721	\$ 4,735,164
Jan 2008 - Aug 2008	\$ 4,896,591	\$ 3,370,721	\$ 6,103,477

1087 **Q. Why is it relevant to take an average of actual spent costs to show what**
 1088 **services were foregone?**

1089 A. The Company believes it is valuable to take an average level of spent costs due to
 1090 the normal fluctuations that are intrinsic to the P&C maintenance environment. As
 1091 seen in the chart below, external contractor labor for P&C maintenance fluctuated
 1092 significantly within the January 2007 to December 2008 time frame. These
 1093 fluctuations are driven by a variety of factors such as operational history, asset
 1094 conditions, facility counts, manufacturer’s recommendations and equipment
 1095 inspections. When defining what a normal level should be, the Company must
 1096 capture the effect of these natural fluctuations. This can only be achieved by

1097 taking an average. Observing discrete monthly changes will not provide a
1098 meaningful measure of what should be considered normal spending levels.

1099 **Q. What is the Company's recommendation regarding adjustment 4.12 – Utah**
1100 **Distribution Expense?**

1101 A. The Company recommends adjustment 4.12 be allowed because these costs
1102 represent a reasonable ongoing level of expense necessary for the test period.

1103 **Remove Settlement Fees**

1104 **Q. Please describe the adjustment proposed by OCS witness Ms. Ramas to**
1105 **remove certain settlement and legal fees paid by the Company.**

1106 A. Ms. Ramas proposes an adjustment to remove \$1.7 million for legal and
1107 settlement fees regarding the Company's Colstrip plant and an avian settlement.
1108 She claims that Utah ratepayers should not be responsible for paying for these
1109 items. These items combined represent a \$700,135 reduction to Utah's revenue
1110 requirement.

1111 **Q. Does the Company agree with Ms. Ramas that these expenses should be**
1112 **removed from results of operations?**

1113 A. No. A certain level of legal risk is inherent in the nature of the electric utility
1114 industry. Although the Company makes significant efforts to mitigate these risks,
1115 settlement and legal expenses are unavoidable and necessary in order to provide
1116 adequate electric power to its customers. In the past three historical calendar
1117 years, the Company has averaged approximately \$2.2 million in these types of
1118 settlement fees. The settlement fees proposed for removal are well within the
1119 normal range that the Company regularly incurs. The Company asserts that the

1120 settlement fees are appropriate to include in rates because they offer a favorable
1121 resolution of disputed litigation and represent a substantial reduction of the
1122 Company's potential exposure for excessive compensatory and punitive damages.
1123 Additionally, Colstrip is a low cost resource that is an integral part of the
1124 Company's generation portfolio. The Company should be allowed the opportunity
1125 to recover the costs associated with its ownership share of Colstrip because
1126 customers receive the benefit from this low cost resource.

1127 **Plant Held For Future Use**

1128 **Q. Please describe the adjustment to Plant Held for Future Use proposed by**
1129 **OCS witness Ms. Ramas.**

1130 A. Ms. Ramas proposes to disallow a total of \$3,716,058 of total company
1131 (\$1,751,395 Utah allocated) balances from FERC account 105 – Plant Held for
1132 Future Use. Adjustment OCS 2.6 is comprised of two components. First, Ms.
1133 Ramas reverses the effect of Company adjustment 8.13 related to preliminary
1134 engineering costs for a transmission project in Herriman, Utah – which I
1135 addressed earlier in my testimony and have already accepted and included in this
1136 filing. Second, Ms. Ramas proposes to remove from FERC Account 105 any
1137 balances associated with projects going into service during the test year ending
1138 June 2010. She removes 100 percent of the Oquirrh Substation land due to the
1139 June 2009 in-service date of a related project, and removes 75 percent of the
1140 White Rock Substation land based on the September 2009 in-service date of a
1141 related project.

1142 **Q. Do you agree with Ms. Ramas' adjustment to remove the Oquirrh Substation**
1143 **land from FERC account 105?**

1144 A. No. The land associated with the Oquirrh Substation in FERC account 105 was
1145 not included in the forecasted capital additions for this project included in this rate
1146 case. The total Company balance for the Oquirrh substation land of \$2,245,898
1147 was transferred directly from FERC account 105 to FERC account 101 – Electric
1148 Plant in Service in June 2009. The Oquirrh substation costs reflected in my
1149 original pro forma plant adjustment 8.10 reflect the other costs of the project such
1150 as material, labor and overhead associated with the construction and installation
1151 of the substation's transformers, circuit breakers and tie lines. The amount
1152 included in this case for the Oquirrh substation is correct and no adjustment
1153 should be made.

1154 **Q. Do you agree with Ms. Ramas' adjustment to remove 75 percent of the White**
1155 **Rock Substation land from FERC account 105?**

1156 A. No. The White Rock Substation land was also not included in pro forma plant
1157 adjustment 8.10. When this project is placed into service the Company will
1158 directly transfer the balance from FERC account 105 into FERC account 101. No
1159 adjustment is necessary as the levels included in the case are correct.

1160 **Q. Is it a standard practice to omit the land components in the pro-forma plant**
1161 **additions forecast?**

1162 A. No. These two circumstances are atypical of what the Company would normally
1163 do as it prepares its cases. For these two specific projects the land was purchased
1164 long before the actual construction started and the land was tracked through a

1165 separate Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) in the Company's accounting system.
1166 Normally both components would be tracked through the same WBS, and all
1167 costs of the project would be included in the forecasted capital additions. The
1168 result for both substations was an exception to the rule.

1169 **Q. What is the Company's final position in regards to the removal of FERC**
1170 **account 105 substation land balances?**

1171 A. The Company recommends no further adjustment to FERC account 105 related to
1172 the Oquirrh and White Rock substations because the cost of the land for each
1173 project was not included in adjustment 8.10 – Pro Forma Plant Additions.

1174 **DPU Supplemental Rebuttal Adjustments**

1175 **Q. What is the Company's position on the supplemental direct testimony from**
1176 **the DPU in this case?**

1177 A. As mentioned in the motion to strike filed by the Company on November 9, 2009,
1178 the Company is concerned with procedural issues related to the DPU's
1179 supplemental testimony and is seeking to exclude portions of the supplemental
1180 testimony from the record in this docket. Notwithstanding the Company's
1181 objections, I will address the CWIP write-offs and hydro facilities issues raised in
1182 the supplemental testimony.

1183 **CWIP Write-offs**

1184 **Q. What is the Company's position on the supplemental direct testimony**
1185 **regarding CWIP write-offs in this case?**

1186 A. Mr. McGarry proposes removing \$1,040,766 total Company expense for ten
1187 projects that were written off in the base period as shown on Exhibit DPU 48.1.

1188 This adjustment should be rejected by the Commission.

1189 **Q. Are there any errors in the adjustment proposed by Mr. McGarry?**

1190 A. Yes. More than a third of his proposed adjustment has already been removed
1191 from results. The first item on Exhibit DPU 48.1 is \$405,235 for the ‘Kern River
1192 REG Project.’ This expense is already removed in Company adjustment 4.9 of
1193 Exhibit RMP____(SRM-2). Mr. McGarry also proposes to remove an item that
1194 was included in DPU witness Mr. Croft’s Hydro Facilities Removal adjustment
1195 DPU 7.7. This duplicate item is for the ‘St. Anthony Hydro plant overhaul’ for
1196 \$32,114. It is listed as item number seven on Exhibit DPU 48.1.

1197 **Q. Does Mr. McGarry give any recommendations on when the cost of capital**
1198 **project write-offs should be charged to customers?**

1199 A. Yes. In his supplemental direct testimony, lines 338-340, Mr. McGarry states that
1200 “[p]rojects in which some or all of the reason for cancellation is outside the direct
1201 control of the Company should be charged to the customer through expense.”

1202 **Q. Were any projects listed on Exhibit DPU 48.1 cancelled for reasons outside**
1203 **the direct control of the Company?**

1204 A. Yes. Item two, ‘Rattlesnake 69 kV Line’ \$329,668, was cancelled and written off
1205 after the cost for Federal permits from the BLM and Forest Service came in much
1206 higher than anticipated. Item three, ‘Transmission Sched for Malin Round’
1207 \$87,549, was written off after receiving an unfavorable FERC ruling that did not
1208 allow the Company to take back capacity and operations of a transmission line
1209 and the project became unnecessary. Item ten, ‘Jordanelle Evaluation’ \$12,126,
1210 was written off because the project is delayed by legal proceedings initiated by

1211 another party.

1212 **Q. Please summarize the Company's position regarding Mr. McGarry's**
1213 **proposal to remove CWIP write-off's from results.**

1214 A. More than 83 percent of Mr. McGarry's adjustment is due to his \$437,349 in
1215 errors double counting expenses that have already been removed and \$429,343 in
1216 expenses incurred which were beyond the Company's control. The remaining
1217 projects are small, and the Company will continue to experience the same level of
1218 write-offs for projects that cannot be completed for unforeseen reasons. I
1219 recommend that no additional adjustment be made for CWIP write-offs.

1220 **Hydro Facilities**

1221 **Q. What is the Company's position on the supplemental direct testimony**
1222 **adjustment to hydroelectric facilities as proposed in DPU witness Mr. Croft's**
1223 **supplemental testimony?**

1224 A. DPU witness Mr. Croft proposes to disallow all cost components associated the
1225 Keno development dam, the St. Anthony hydro plant, and the Cline Falls facility.
1226 The net Utah revenue requirement impact is \$334,556. Mr. Croft argues these
1227 facilities should be removed because they do not provide generation, do not have
1228 an impact on downstream generation, and do not provide Utah ratepayers with
1229 specific benefits.

1230 **Q. Why is it prudent to seek recovery for the Keno development dam?**

1231 A. As stated in the Company's response to data request DPU 47.1, in order for
1232 ratepayers to "derive the overall benefits of the Klamath Hydroelectric Project,
1233 the operations and maintenance of the Keno facility is required." Keno's main

1234 function is to regulate the level of Lake Ewauna, and even though the facility
1235 itself does not provide generation, its main function is required under the
1236 Company's FERC license for the Klamath project.

1237 **Q. Does the Company agree with the removal of the Keno development dam as**
1238 **described in DPU Exhibit 7.0SD?**

1239 A. No. As stated above, operation and maintenance of Keno is required by the
1240 Company's current project license. The Company cannot continue to operate the
1241 Klamath hydroelectric project without operating the Keno development because
1242 this operation is necessary to fulfill the requirements contained in Article 55 of
1243 the FERC project license:

1244 *“Article 55. The Licensee shall enter into a formal agreement with the*
1245 *United States Bureau of Reclamation for the purpose of regulating the*
1246 *level of Lake Ewauna and the Klamath River between Keno Dam and*
1247 *Lake Ewauna, and in the event that the Licensee and the Bureau fail to*
1248 *reach agreement, the Commission will prescribe the terms of such*
1249 *regulation after notice and opportunity for hearing. (Order Further*
1250 *Amending License, FERC Project No. 2082, 34 FPC 1387 (November 29,*
1251 *1965))”*

1252 Moreover, removing Keno based on the argument that the Company is not
1253 seeking to relicense the Klamath project is one-dimensional. The Keno dam
1254 provides a useful service in meeting the requirements of the current project
1255 license, and as such should be allowed in rate base in a similar capacity as all
1256 other Klamath project facilities.

1257 **Q. Does the Company agree with removal of the St. Anthony plant costs?**

1258 A. No. The St. Anthony development is currently operated to provide water to the
1259 Egin Irrigation Canal (EIC). Under a Findings of Fact Conclusions of Law and
1260 judgment issued on January 18, 1915 by the District Court of Fremont County,

1261 Idaho, the Company is bound to share the costs jointly with the EIC for as long as
1262 the license is in effect, which is until 2027. The Company's duties in relation to
1263 the EIC water diversion agreement are also outlined under the license provisions
1264 issued by the Federal Power Administration. Page 28 of the "Water Resources"
1265 section states:

1266 "The St. Anthony Development is located on a diversion of the EIC... Water
1267 is available for generation only when irrigation needs are being
1268 satisfied...Water available for generation is subject to the Egin Irrigation
1269 Company's water requirements as well as available flows in the Henry's
1270 Fork."

1271 Currently, the plant does not generate power due to a damaged turbine.
1272 However, the Company is considering all options under a general timeline to
1273 resume a fully beneficial water right by December 2012. Water management
1274 services, such as water diversion, are a necessary service to operate the
1275 Company's hydroelectric system, and as such are a prudent cost. Ratepayers
1276 benefit from such investments by receiving the low-cost associated with
1277 hydroelectric resources and their related investments.

1278 **Q. Does the Company agree with the removal of the Cline Falls plant costs?**

1279 A. No. Under the current plan, the Company intends to maintain and uphold its lease
1280 agreement with the Central Oregon Irrigation District until its expiration date in
1281 2013. Until recently, the Company has been able to pass the benefit from this low
1282 cost resource on to ratepayers. Correspondingly, the cost of fulfilling its lease
1283 obligation is part of the overall costs associated with the benefit of obtaining low-
1284 cost generation. Due to the plant's current configuration it has been determined it
1285 would be in the best interest of the Company and ratepayers to stop operating this

1286 plant rather than to incur higher possible costs from running an inefficient
1287 operation.

1288 **Q. What is the Company's recommendation regarding Mr. Croft's proposed**
1289 **removal of these Hydro facilities from results?**

1290 A. The Company recommends these facilities remain included in test year results as
1291 filed in Exhibit RMP___(SRM-2). Removal of any of these facilities would
1292 exempt Utah ratepayers from the cost of non-power generating investments
1293 required by a FERC license such as cultural resource management, water
1294 management, recreational facilities or other prudent investments that are
1295 necessary for the operation of the Company's hydroelectric system.

1296 **Other Issues**

1297 **Q. Are there any other issues that need to be clarified in this proceeding?**

1298 A. Yes. I have one comment to make in order to make sure the record is clear in this
1299 case. In the cost of capital hearings held on November 10 the issue of capital
1300 leases was raised. For regulatory purposes, capital leases are treated as operating
1301 leases and are not included in rate base or treated as debt. The expenses of such a
1302 lease are reflected in operating expense in regulatory results as cash is paid.

1303 **Issues Addressed by Other Company Witnesses**

1304 **Q. Are any intervenor-proposed adjustments to revenue requirement addressed**
1305 **by other Company witnesses?**

1306 A. Yes. In addition to Company witnesses previously mentioned in my testimony,
1307 Mr. Lasich addresses coal inventory levels and economies of scale building wind
1308 plants, and Mr. Wilson addresses expenses for the Company's pension and SERP

1309 plans, other post retirement benefits, and SERP and bonus costs included in
1310 charges to PacifiCorp from MEHC.

1311 **Summary**

1312 **Q. What is your summary position on the rebuttal revenue requirement**
1313 **proposed by the Company?**

1314 A. The modified revenue requirement of \$55.0 million is the appropriate revenue
1315 requirement based on the test period used in this case. The Company has carefully
1316 reviewed the adjustments proposed by the parties and either made adjustments
1317 that it believes are appropriate in this case or defended the proposals put forth by
1318 the Company.

1319 **Q. Does this conclude your rebuttal testimony?**

1320 A. Yes.