

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

3 A. My name is Andrea L. Kelly. My business address is 825 NE Multnomah Street,  
4 Suite 2000, Portland, Oregon 97232. I am employed by PacifiCorp as Vice  
5 President of Regulation.

6 **Qualifications**

7 **Q. Briefly describe your educational background and business experience.**

8 A. I hold a Bachelor’s degree in Economics from the University of Vermont and an  
9 MBA in Environmental and Natural Resource Management from the University  
10 of Washington. After graduate school, I joined the Staff of the Washington  
11 Utilities and Transportation Commission. In 1995, I became employed by  
12 PacifiCorp as a Senior Pricing Analyst in the Regulation Department and  
13 advanced through positions of increasing responsibility. From 1999 through 2005,  
14 I led major strategic projects at PacifiCorp including the Multi-State Process and  
15 the regulatory approvals for the MidAmerican-PacifiCorp transaction. In March  
16 2006, I was appointed Vice President of Regulation.

17 **Q. Have you been personally involved in the negotiations related to the Klamath**  
18 **Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (“KHSA”)?**

19 A. Yes. I was part of PacifiCorp’s core negotiating team for the KHSA.

20 **Q. Have you appeared as a witness in previous regulatory proceedings?**

21 A. Yes, I have appeared as a witness on behalf of PacifiCorp in the states of  
22 California, Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

23 **Purpose of Testimony**

24 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

25 A. My testimony presents the Company's rate-related requests in this proceeding  
26 associated with the relicensing and settlement process costs for the Klamath  
27 Hydroelectric Project ("Project") and implementation of the KHSA. In support of  
28 the Company's request, my testimony explains the Federal Energy Regulatory  
29 Commission ("FERC") relicensing and settlement process the Company followed  
30 for relicensing the Project, demonstrates that the Company's decision to enter into  
31 the KHSA was a prudent business decision as compared to the costs and risks of  
32 relicensing alternatives, supports the use of the Rolled-In allocation methodology  
33 for allocating the costs of the KHSA to Utah customers, and explains why it is in  
34 customers' best interest for the Commission to address these issues in this  
35 proceeding.

36 **Q. How is your testimony organized?**

37 A. My testimony is organized into the following seven sections:

- 38 • First, I present the cost elements that the Company is proposing to recover in  
39 this proceeding from Utah customers;
- 40 • Second, I describe the Project and the benefits customers have derived and  
41 will continue to derive from the operation of the Project;
- 42 • Third, I provide an overview of the process to obtain a new operating license  
43 from the FERC;
- 44 • Fourth, I describe the relicensing and settlement process undertaken to date to  
45 resolve the expiration of the Project license;

- 46           • Fifth, I explain the significant activities related to the relicensing and  
47           settlement process costs for which PacifiCorp seeks recovery in this case;
- 48           • Sixth, I provide an overview of the KHSA and present the Company’s  
49           economic analysis demonstrating that the Company’s decision to execute the  
50           KHSA is in the best interest of customers; and
- 51           • Seventh, I describe the progress to date related to implementation of the  
52           KHSA.

53   **KHSA Cost Elements Allocated to Utah Customers**

54   **Q.    What cost recovery related to the KHSA is being proposed by the Company**  
55   **in this case?**

56   A.    There are three cost elements that the Company has included in this proceeding  
57   associated with the KHSA. First, the Company is seeking to add to rate base and  
58   begin amortization of the relicensing and settlement process costs. Second, the  
59   Company is seeking the Commission’s approval of a depreciation schedule that  
60   would depreciate the Klamath facilities on a straight-line basis such that the net  
61   book value reaches zero by December 31, 2019, prior to possible dam removal.  
62   Third, the Company seeks to recover Utah customers’ allocated share of the \$172  
63   million capped customer contribution towards dam removal costs. Mr. Steven R.  
64   McDougal’s testimony and exhibits present and discuss the revenue requirement  
65   impact of each of these elements in this proceeding.

66 **Q. Have issues around cost recovery of these KHSA-related cost elements been**  
67 **discussed in prior Utah regulatory proceedings?**

68 A. Yes. In the Company's last rate case, Docket 10-035-124, the parties entered into  
69 a Stipulation which included an agreement to defer consideration of these issues  
70 until a future proceeding. Issues related to the KHSA were also addressed in  
71 Docket 02-035-04, in which the Commission adopted the 2010 Protocol subject to  
72 the terms of an Agreement among parties.<sup>1</sup> That Agreement expressly preserved  
73 the rights of parties with respect to KHSA-related costs.

74 **Q. Please discuss the Company's ratemaking proposal related to the relicensing**  
75 **and settlement process costs.**

76 A. The Company proposes to add the process costs to Utah's rate base and to  
77 amortize these costs on a straight-line basis through December 31, 2019. This will  
78 allow the costs to be fully amortized prior to the target date for dam removal.  
79 Adding these costs to rate base will also cause the accrual of Allowance for Funds  
80 Used During Construction ("AFUDC") to cease. As a result of the Stipulation in  
81 Docket 10-035-124, an additional year of AFUDC has accrued on this asset in  
82 Utah.

83 **Q. Have other state commissions reviewed the process costs and included them**  
84 **in the Company's rate base?**

85 A. Yes. These costs have been included in rate base in rate case proceedings across  
86 all six states in which the Company serves. The costs have been explicitly  
87 included in rate base in California, Oregon, and Wyoming.

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission adopted the 2010 Protocol subject to the terms of the Agreement by oral bench order on November 8, 2011. A final written order is pending.

88 **Q. Why is it in Utah customers' best interest for this Commission to adopt a new**  
89 **depreciation schedule for the Klamath-related rate base in this proceeding?**

90 A. Adoption of a new depreciation schedule in this proceeding will mitigate the  
91 impact on Utah customers. If the Commission waits to adopt a new depreciation  
92 schedule and the dams are removed beginning in 2020, the burden on customers  
93 could be substantial. It is also an action that can be reviewed and revised in the  
94 future if circumstances related to the Project change.

95 **Q. Have other state commissions adopted the proposed depreciation schedule?**

96 A. Yes. The new depreciation schedule has been included in rate case proceedings  
97 across all six states in which the Company serves. The new depreciation  
98 schedules have been explicitly adopted in California, Oregon, and Wyoming.

99 **Q. What allocation methodology has the Company applied to the costs**  
100 **associated with the Project, including the costs associated with the KHSA?**

101 A. The Company has applied the Rolled-In allocation methodology to all cost  
102 elements. The system generation ("SG") factor has been applied to the rate base  
103 related to the Project, including the process costs. The system energy ("SE")  
104 factor has been applied to operations and maintenance costs. Finally, the SG  
105 factor has been applied to allocate the funds related to dam removal.

106 **Q. Why is it appropriate for the Commission to apply Rolled-In allocation**  
107 **factors to the cost elements listed above?**

108 A. The KHSA was entered into by PacifiCorp because doing so is in the best interest  
109 of all customers compared to the alternative of relicensing, under a range of  
110 possible outcomes. I present the economic analysis supporting the Company's

111 decision later in my testimony. This Commission has consistently endorsed the  
112 Rolled-In allocation methodology, and viewed any departure from Rolled-In with  
113 a critical eye. The Company's decision to enter into the KHSA was no different  
114 than any other business decision – it was the best decision for customers. In  
115 addition, if the Company relicensed the Project, the Rolled-In methodology would  
116 apply to those costs. Under the Rolled-In methodology, the costs associated with a  
117 system resource are allocated system-wide. Since the Project is a system resource,  
118 system allocation of its costs is both appropriate and reasonable as it is no  
119 different than any of the Company's other hydroelectric generation facilities on  
120 the system.

121 **Q. Are there circumstances where costs associated with state-specific policy**  
122 **preferences should be assigned to the state that caused those excess costs?**

123 A. Yes. The 2010 Protocol explicitly acknowledges that principle.

124 **Q. Are there any excess costs related to the KHSA?**

125 A. No. As demonstrated by the Company's economic analysis, the KHSA is  
126 preferable in terms of cost and risk over the alternative of relicensing.

127 **Q. Should the fact that Oregon and California customers are contributing**  
128 **funding towards dam removal costs cause the Commission to move away**  
129 **from Rolled-In allocations for that cost element?**

130 A. No. The costs the Company recovers in rates in other states is irrelevant to the  
131 costs that are allocated to Utah under a multi-jurisdictional allocation  
132 methodology. Although it is generally accepted by most states that the Company  
133 should be afforded the opportunity to recover its prudently incurred costs, there

134 are numerous examples where the Company's costs are both over-allocated and  
135 under-allocated. For example, the Washington Utilities and Transportation  
136 Commission adopted the West Control Area allocation methodology in 2006.  
137 This has the effect of over-allocating the costs of west side resources and under-  
138 allocating the costs of east side resources. No Utah party has ever argued that the  
139 over-collection of costs in Washington should somehow be credited to Utah  
140 customers, or that the under-collection of costs in Washington should somehow  
141 be collected from Utah customers. For Utah parties to isolate the potential over-  
142 collection of the dam removal surcharge and seek a credit to Utah customers  
143 would be a significant departure from past practices and could have unintended  
144 consequences. The dam removal costs related to the KHSA are no different than  
145 any other costs under a Rolled-In allocation methodology; they are system costs  
146 that are appropriately allocated to Utah customers using the SG factor.

147 **Overview of the Project**

148 **Q. Please describe the Project.**

149 A. The Project is a 169 megawatt hydroelectric facility on the Klamath River in  
150 southern Oregon and northern California. It consists of eight developments  
151 including seven powerhouses, five mainstem dams on the Klamath River (Iron  
152 Gate, Copco No. 1, Copco No. 2, J.C. Boyle, and Keno), as well as two small  
153 diversion dams on Spring Creek and Fall Creek, tributaries to the Klamath River.  
154 The Project as currently licensed includes the East Side and West Side generating  
155 facilities, which use water diverted by the Link River Dam, a facility owned by  
156 the Bureau of Reclamation that regulates the elevation and releases of water from

157 Upper Klamath Lake and which is not included in the Project. The Project also  
158 includes Keno Dam, which has no hydroelectric generation facilities, but which  
159 serves to regulate water levels in Keno Reservoir as required by the Project  
160 license. The Company operates all eight developments under one FERC license  
161 (FERC Project No. 2082). The Project is partially located on federal lands  
162 administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Reclamation.  
163 The first hydroelectric development, Fall Creek, was completed in 1903 and Iron  
164 Gate, the last hydroelectric development, was completed in 1962. Keno Dam was  
165 completed in 1968. A map of the Project is provided as Exhibit RMP\_\_\_(ALK-1).

166 **Q. Generally, what benefits does the Project provide PacifiCorp's customers?**

167 A. Since its completion, the Project has provided customers with reliable, low-cost  
168 power. As currently operated in compliance with the limitations of the existing  
169 license, the Project is a source of energy, capacity, and reserves. Unlike most  
170 other sources of generation, hydro projects also provide an additional  
171 environmental benefit because they are emissions-free. In addition, the generating  
172 units of the Project located in California qualify as renewable energy resources for  
173 the California Renewable Portfolio Standard.

#### 174 **Overview of Federal Relicensing**

175 **Q. Please provide an overview of the federal relicensing process.**

176 A. Under the Federal Power Act ("FPA"), FERC has the exclusive authority to  
177 license nonfederal hydropower projects on navigable waterways. Original licenses  
178 are issued for a term of 50 years, after which a licensee may seek relicensing.  
179 FERC issues subsequent licenses for a term of not less than 30 years or more than



180 50 years with FERC deciding the length of the license. FERC regulations require  
181 that a licensee file a Notice of Intent to apply for a new license five and a half  
182 years prior to license expiration. On average, licensing takes eight to 10 years, and  
183 some applications have taken as long as 30 years. During the relicensing process,  
184 FERC typically allows projects to continue operating on annual license extensions  
185 under the same terms and conditions once the old license has expired. Such is the  
186 case with the Project at this time, as the original project license expired in 2006.  
187 The licensing process requires FERC to consider the economic, engineering,  
188 environmental, and socioeconomic aspects of the project. In issuing licenses,  
189 FERC must give "equal consideration" to environmental values and adequately  
190 protect and mitigate the effects of the Project based on environmental and other  
191 concerns. In doing so, FERC attaches conditions to the license.

192 **Q. What roles do state and federal resource agencies play in the process?**

193 A. State and federal fish and wildlife agencies review applications and submit  
194 comments to FERC regarding the impact the Project may have on the  
195 environment. Based on those impacts, state and federal agencies recommend  
196 conditions to FERC to place on the license to mitigate the potential impacts. The  
197 FPA gives certain federal agencies authority to require FERC to include the  
198 agency's conditions on the license. For example, the Secretaries of Commerce  
199 and the Interior have the authority to require applicants to install fishways  
200 (ladders and screens) at projects, and to require applicants to reduce variability of  
201 in-stream flows.

202 **Q. What options does an applicant have if the mandatory conditions make the**  
203 **project uneconomic?**

204 A. The applicant has limited options. The applicant may accept the uneconomic  
205 license, decommission and remove the facility, or pursue litigation and challenge  
206 the mandatory conditions. The applicant has the option of selling the facility as  
207 well. Because of the potential risks of removal of facilities and the uncertainty of  
208 litigation, those options are seldom favored. Consequently, applicants often try to  
209 manage uncertainty by settling issues among the various stakeholders before  
210 licensing is completed or by negotiating acceptable decommissioning and  
211 removal outcomes.

212 **Q. Other than the FPA, what other laws must FERC take into consideration**  
213 **when granting licenses?**

214 A. Because licensing is a “federal action,” FERC must evaluate the application under  
215 a host of federal laws: the Clean Water Act (“CWA”), the Coastal Zone  
216 Management Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”), the  
217 Endangered Species Act (“ESA”), the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and  
218 the National Historic Preservation Act, among others. These laws add significant  
219 time and expense to the application process.

220 The Company has sought CWA Section 401 certifications for the Project  
221 from both Oregon and California. In addition, ESA considerations are present at  
222 the Project due to the presence of threatened coho salmon in the Klamath River  
223 below Iron Gate dam, and endangered Lost River and shortnose suckers that

224 predominantly reside in Upper Klamath Lake and its tributaries but utilize habitat  
225 within the Project boundary.

226 **Q. Does FERC offer more than one relicensing process?**

227 A. Yes. At the time the license application for the Project was developed and filed –  
228 the final license application was submitted to FERC in February 2004 – applicants  
229 could use either traditional or alternative licensing processes. During the process  
230 of developing the license application for the Project, FERC developed an  
231 additional licensing process called an integrated licensing process, which became  
232 the default process for relicensing in 2005. Applicants may also enter into a  
233 negotiated settlement at any time. The Company initiated licensing under the  
234 traditional approach for the Project, and has pursued settlement to resolve the  
235 issues related to the Project relicensing.

236 **Q. Please provide a more detailed description of the traditional FERC**  
237 **relicensing process.**

238 A. The traditional process involves three stages of consultation. In the first stage, the  
239 applicant distributes an Initial Consultation document, which explains the project  
240 and its operation and environmental setting to federal and state agencies, tribes,  
241 non-governmental organizations (“NGOs”), community interest groups and other  
242 stakeholders. Following the consultation document, the stakeholders meet and  
243 visit the site. Thirty days after the meeting, comments and additional study  
244 recommendations are due to the applicant. Stage one ends when a set of resource-  
245 by-resource study plans and stakeholder consultation documentation have been  
246 completed and provided to FERC.

247 **Q. What takes place in the second stage of consultation?**

248 A. In the second stage, the applicant conducts the proposed studies and prepares a  
249 draft license application, which it distributes to FERC and to interested agencies,  
250 tribes and stakeholders for review and comment. At this stage, agencies routinely  
251 request additional studies, which can be costly and time-consuming. The applicant  
252 may refer such requests to FERC for dispute resolution and FERC may request  
253 additional information. The applicant must provide FERC with a written summary  
254 of how the Company resolved any disagreements with agencies and others. The  
255 second stage ends when FERC accepts a final application for filing.

256 **Q. Please describe the third stage.**

257 A. In the third stage, FERC solicits initial comments and preliminary terms and  
258 conditions from resource agencies, tribes, and stakeholders, and gives notice that  
259 the project is ready for environmental analysis under NEPA. FERC may require  
260 additional information from the applicant to address those comments. FERC next  
261 initiates its detailed environmental and engineering review and solicits final  
262 comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and mandatory prescriptions.  
263 From all of this information, FERC prepares an Environmental Assessment or  
264 Environmental Impact Statement taking into account comments, responses and  
265 conditions. Ultimately, FERC issues a license order describing both how the  
266 project will be operated during the next license term, and what environmental and  
267 other enhancement obligations the licensee must fulfill. Those obligations include  
268 the mandatory terms and conditions provided by the Secretaries of Commerce,  
269 Agriculture and Interior. In addition, if relevant, FERC appends any conditions

270 associated with CWA Section 401 water quality certifications that have been  
271 issued by state agencies.

## 272 **Overview of Project Relicensing and Settlement Process**

### 273 **Relicensing Process**

274 **Q. Please describe the relicensing process to date for the Project.**

275 A. PacifiCorp filed a Notice of Intent to relicense and issued its First Stage  
276 Consultation Document on December 15, 2000. In an attempt to arrive at  
277 consensus-based approaches to the licensing process with the various stakeholders  
278 involved, PacifiCorp pursued a “traditional-plus” licensing approach in which the  
279 traditional process was followed with a concerted effort to solicit stakeholder  
280 input and agreement on study plans before they were submitted to FERC for  
281 review. This “traditional-plus” approach resulted in a significant number of  
282 stakeholder meetings to review proposed study plans, gather input, and attempt to  
283 achieve consensus.

284 **Q. Please explain stakeholder participation in the relicensing process for the**  
285 **Project.**

286 A. Public meetings for the relicensing process began in January 2001 and continued  
287 through 2002 and 2003. The final license application was submitted to FERC in  
288 February 2004. FERC issued its first scoping document for the environmental  
289 review process in April 2004 and scoping was completed in May 2005. FERC  
290 issued notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis on December  
291 28, 2005. The original FERC license expired February 28, 2006, and annual  
292 licenses have been issued by FERC since that time.

293 Federal agencies – the National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and  
294 Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, and Bureau of Land Management –  
295 issued draft terms and conditions for a new license in March 2006. The draft  
296 terms called for full volitional fish passage at all Project developments as well as  
297 other license conditions to benefit environmental resources that would reduce  
298 power generation and increase the costs of a new license. That same month, the  
299 Company submitted applications to California and Oregon for CWA Section 401  
300 water quality certifications of the Project. As a result of the Energy Policy Act of  
301 2005, the Company had the opportunity to challenge the underlying facts behind  
302 the draft agency terms and conditions and propose alternative licensing  
303 conditions. The Company filed alternative license conditions with FERC that the  
304 Company believed provided similar environmental benefits as the draft agency  
305 terms and conditions but at less cost and loss in power production from the  
306 Project. The Company’s filing also challenged material facts relied upon by the  
307 agencies. A trial-type hearing was conducted on these issues of material fact  
308 underlying the agency terms and conditions in August 2006 and a decision was  
309 issued by an administrative law judge in September 2006. Also in September  
310 2006, FERC issued a draft Environmental Impact Statement for Hydropower  
311 License.

312 Incorporating the findings of the trial-type hearing, the agencies issued  
313 modified terms and conditions for a new license in January 2007. FERC then  
314 initiated ESA consultation for a new license in March 2007 and the National  
315 Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service issued final

316 biological opinions in December 2007. To initiate analysis of the project under  
317 the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to obtaining CWA  
318 Section 401 certification, the Company signed a memorandum of understanding  
319 with the California State Water Resources Control Board in September 2007.  
320 FERC completed its environmental analysis of the project and released its Final  
321 Environmental Impact Statement (“FEIS”) for Hydropower License in November  
322 2007.

323 **Q. Please describe the relicensing process after the Company filed its**  
324 **applications for CWA Section 401 certification of the Project.**

325 A. Since filing its applications in March 2006 for CWA Section 401 certification  
326 with California and Oregon, PacifiCorp has been implementing water quality  
327 studies and monitoring in order to improve water quality conditions in the Project  
328 reservoirs and in the Klamath River downstream of Project facilities. The result of  
329 these study and planning efforts will help the states of California and Oregon  
330 assess whether the Project can meet applicable water quality standards. In June  
331 2009, the California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board issued a  
332 draft Total Maximum Daily Load (“TMDL”) report for the Klamath River and in  
333 February 2010, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality released its  
334 draft TMDL for the Klamath River in Oregon. The TMDLs prescribe nutrient,  
335 temperature, and dissolved oxygen requirements in the river that must be attained  
336 by Project facilities. PacifiCorp has been actively involved in reviewing the  
337 TMDLs since they will ultimately inform the conditions that may be imposed on  
338 the Project through the CWA Section 401 certification processes.

339 **Q. Absent the settlement under the KHSA, what steps remain to be completed**  
340 **in the relicensing process?**

341 A. In order for FERC to issue a new Project license, CWA Section 401 water quality  
342 certification must first be completed by the states of California and Oregon. The  
343 conditions of the CWA Section 401 certification would then be incorporated into  
344 the new FERC license for the Project. PacifiCorp has CWA Section 401 water  
345 quality certification applications pending in both states. However, pursuant to the  
346 KHSA, CWA Section 401 certification of the Project will be held in abeyance  
347 while the Secretary of the Interior makes a determination as to whether the four  
348 main stem Klamath River dams owned by PacifiCorp should be decommissioned  
349 and removed or relicensed.

350 **Settlement Process**

351 **Q. Please describe how settlement is used in FERC relicensing process.**

352 A. Due to the complex nature of relicensing proceedings and the many issues and  
353 stakeholders involved in the process, many relicensing proceedings are resolved  
354 by settlement. As mentioned before, a settlement between the parties to a  
355 relicensing proceeding can be entered at any time while the relicensing process is  
356 ongoing. Settlements are encouraged by FERC and recent changes to the  
357 relicensing process alternatives have been made to encourage applicants and  
358 stakeholders to reach consensus on the issues related to project relicensing so the  
359 parties can reach settlement. Indeed, PacifiCorp has pursued settlement for the  
360 majority of its recently completed hydro relicensing proceedings including the  
361 North Umpqua, Bear River, and Lewis River projects. In addition, settlements



362 have been entered among PacifiCorp, agencies and stakeholders to decommission  
363 the Condit, American Fork, and Powerdale hydro projects after those projects  
364 began the traditional FERC relicensing process.

365 **Q. Please describe the settlement process to date for the Project.**

366 A. For the Project, PacifiCorp initiated settlement discussions in October 2004 with  
367 stakeholders, following submittal of the license application. These settlement  
368 discussions were entered into by the Company to identify the interests of the  
369 stakeholders such that those interests could be addressed in a settlement that  
370 would preserve the economic value of the Project under a new long-term FERC  
371 license to operate the facilities. The first mediated settlement meeting was  
372 conducted in January 2005. Settlement meetings proceeded through 2005 and  
373 mid-2006. At that point, Project stakeholders decided that they wanted to turn  
374 their attention to resolving basin-wide natural resource issues between themselves  
375 without PacifiCorp's involvement. PacifiCorp then discontinued its participation  
376 in settlement discussions while those stakeholders continued to meet. PacifiCorp  
377 did not participate in these negotiations because resolution of these broader issues  
378 was beyond the scope of the relicensing proceeding and did not relate directly to  
379 operation of the Project. This group of stakeholders, after months of negotiations,  
380 released the draft Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement ("KBRA") in January  
381 2008. The KBRA is intended to resolve issues of water allocation in the Klamath  
382 Basin and provide for habitat restoration and called for removal of PacifiCorp's  
383 main stem hydroelectric dams.

384 **Q. Is PacifiCorp a signatory to the KBRA?**

385 A. No. PacifiCorp is not a party to the KBRA. PacifiCorp has no responsibilities  
386 under the KBRA and customers will bear no costs associated with the KBRA.

387 **Q. Please describe settlement efforts related to the Project subsequent to the**  
388 **release of the KBRA.**

389 A. Following release of the KBRA, active settlement negotiations were resumed  
390 among PacifiCorp, the federal government, and the states of California and  
391 Oregon. Other key stakeholders joined the settlement negotiations, resulting in an  
392 Agreement in Principle (“AIP”), which was released on November 13, 2008. The  
393 AIP laid out a framework for resolution of the issues related to relicensing of the  
394 Project including the potential decommissioning and removal of PacifiCorp’s four  
395 main stem dams on the Klamath River – J.C. Boyle, Copco No. 1, Copco No. 2,  
396 and Iron Gate. As a result of discussions with the National Marine Fisheries  
397 Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, PacifiCorp also developed an  
398 Interim Conservation Plan to provide benefits to ESA-listed aquatic species  
399 during the period of interim operations prior to potential dam removal or the re-  
400 establishment of fish passage through the Project pursuant to project relicensing.

401 Following the release of the AIP, PacifiCorp pursued further negotiations  
402 with the parties to the AIP – the federal government, California and Oregon – as  
403 well as an expanded group of stakeholders, agencies, and other interested parties  
404 to complete a final settlement agreement for the Project. On February 18, 2010,  
405 the KHSA was executed by over 30 parties, including PacifiCorp, the Secretary of  
406 the Interior, governors from the states of Oregon and California, Native American

407 Tribes, and parties representing counties, irrigation districts, fishermen,  
408 environmentalists and other organizations. I have provided a detailed chronology  
409 of key points in the Klamath relicensing and settlement process as Exhibit  
410 RMP\_\_\_(ALK-2).

411 **Q. Did PacifiCorp enter settlement discussions for the sole purpose of pursuing**  
412 **dam removal?**

413 A. No. As described above, PacifiCorp entered into settlement discussions to find an  
414 outcome that would meet the interests of Project stakeholders while also  
415 preserving the value of the project for customers so that it could operate  
416 economically under a new long-term license. While engaging in settlement  
417 discussions, PacifiCorp at the same time also robustly engaged in the traditional  
418 licensing process to achieve a similar economic outcome for the Project under a  
419 new license.

#### 420 **Costs and Benefits of Relicensing**

421 **Q. Please describe how pursuing relicensing and settlement has provided**  
422 **customer benefits.**

423 A. PacifiCorp has pursued relicensing to preserve economic benefits to its customers  
424 from the Project. Had the Company not elected to pursue relicensing of the  
425 Project, it would have been required to submit an application to FERC for  
426 surrender of the Project license and decommissioning/removal of the facilities.  
427 Doing so would have exposed PacifiCorp's customers to the uncertainties related  
428 to potential decommissioning and removal of the facilities, while necessitating  
429 that PacifiCorp's customers pay for the immediate replacement of the energy

430 provided by the Project. Throughout the relicensing and settlement process,  
431 PacifiCorp has taken the position that decommissioning and removal of the  
432 Project without sufficient protections against the associated costs, risks and  
433 liability is not in the best interests of the Company or its customers. To that end, it  
434 has pursued settlement in a manner that will provide those protections. In  
435 addition, the relicensing and settlement process has provided benefits by allowing  
436 customers to continue to benefit from the Project during the period between the  
437 expiration of the Project license in March 2006 and continuing until the potential  
438 removal of the facilities.

439 **Q. How much has the Company incurred in the relicensing and settlement**  
440 **process?**

441 A. The project was completed at a total cost of approximately \$74.1 million on a  
442 system-wide basis as of December 31, 2010. Mr. McDougal's testimony and  
443 Exhibit RMP\_\_\_\_(SRM-3) provides a breakdown of the share of these costs that  
444 have been allocated to Utah customers. A cost breakdown for the Project  
445 relicensing and settlement process is provided as Confidential Exhibit  
446 RMP\_\_\_\_(ALK-3).

447 **Q. Do the relicensing and settlement costs include costs to implement the**  
448 **KHSA?**

449 A. No. The relicensing and settlement costs only include costs related to pursuing the  
450 traditional relicensing process and the costs necessary to pursue settlement of the  
451 Project relicensing. Costs related to implementing the KHSA will be recovered as  
452 they are incurred prior to potential removal of the facilities through normal

453 operations and maintenance costs and, where applicable, specific capital projects  
454 related to KHSA implementation.

455 **Q. What are the major cost categories for the process costs?**

456 A. For total-company costs through 2010, approximately 36 percent of the costs (\$26  
457 million) derive from outside expert consulting services. These services included  
458 the development of the detailed scientific information necessary to prepare the  
459 first stage consultation document and the costs to consult with stakeholders and  
460 prepare detailed study plans for the various resource areas investigated as part of  
461 the relicensing process. These services included the execution of the vast array of  
462 technical studies required and the costs to prepare the license application.

463 Examples of the studies and data collected include:

- 464 • Complete aerial photography and mapping of the Project,
- 465 • Bathymetric and sediment studies of Project reservoirs,
- 466 • Environmental resource investigations,
- 467 • Wildlife and vegetation surveys,
- 468 • Geomorphology studies,
- 469 • Biological and engineering studies of various fish passage  
470 alternatives, fisheries modeling and habitat assessment,
- 471 • Studies of potential Project operational enhancements,
- 472 • Historic and cultural resources investigations,
- 473 • Socioeconomic studies,
- 474 • Recreation surveys and planning,

- 475                     • Extensive water quality monitoring, and development of a Project  
476                     water quality model and associated water quality modeling studies,  
477                     • Development of cost estimates for potential protection, mitigation,  
478                     and enhancement (“PM&E”) measures likely to be required in a  
479                     new license.

480             These costs, plus an additional \$9 million of legal costs, also included license  
481             application preparation, CWA Section 401 applications costs and related studies,  
482             ESA consultation and documentation costs, legal review and legal costs  
483             associated with the Company’s challenge to agency terms and conditions,  
484             responses to comments in relation to the license application and required analysis  
485             of the Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Finally, this  
486             included costs associated with the settlement process, facilitator and mediator  
487             services, communications and other services.

488                     The amount of information necessary to be developed for the preparation  
489                     and support of hydroelectric license applications is very significant. The Project  
490                     license application and associated study documentation and filings produced by  
491                     the Company require in excess of eight feet of shelf space. This is similar to the  
492                     shelf space devoted to the Company’s license application for the recently  
493                     relicensed North Umpqua project.

494                     Materials, labor and associated expenses accounted for approximately \$11  
495                     million – or approximately 14 percent of total costs. These costs included labor  
496                     and associated costs for the Company’s project management, technical leads,

497 environmental scientists, and administrative staff. The remaining costs are related  
498 to property taxes paid against accrued relicensing costs, and AFUDC.

499 **Q. What controls does the Company put in place to ensure that the expenditures**  
500 **made in the relicensing process were required, necessary, and prudent?**

501 A. First, the Company appoints a Project Manager for each relicensing project. The  
502 Project Manager works with Hydro Resources and PacifiCorp Energy  
503 management to coordinate all efforts related to the process and project cost  
504 management. The Company also assembles a project team, which is comprised of  
505 technical leads who are subject matter experts in the various relicensing areas.  
506 Examples of technical leads include: fishery and wildlife biologists, cultural and  
507 recreation specialists, engineering, etc. The team develops a relicensing strategy  
508 to address likely required studies and potential PM&E measures. The technical  
509 leads assist the Project Manager is overseeing work tasks within their area of  
510 expertise. Consultants have been generally selected through a formal bidding  
511 process unless specific expertise was needed, in conformance with general  
512 PacifiCorp procurement policy.

513 Finally, due to the fluid and multi-disciplinary nature of the FERC  
514 relicensing process, which requires significant legal support, the Office of General  
515 Counsel reviews the relicensing project and works with the Project Manager and  
516 outside counsel to assure that legal services in support of the relicensing effort are  
517 necessary, prudent, and procured in conformance with Company policies that are  
518 intended to control costs.

519 **Q. Please explain how outside services costs have been managed.**

520 A. First, an overall budget was established for the project spanning the time through  
521 expected license issuance. Each year, as part of the annual budgeting and approval  
522 process, the portion of the Project budget to be expended in the upcoming year is  
523 thoroughly reviewed and approved by management. Throughout the year, a  
524 monthly break down of all Project expenditures is provided to department  
525 management and to the Project Manager. This process provides an opportunity to  
526 look at Project costs on an overall basis and make adjustments as may be  
527 necessary to stay within the overall Project budget if possible. The process also  
528 provides an opportunity to review all expended costs on a monthly basis to ensure  
529 they are proper and represent prudent expenditures to accomplish the relicensing  
530 and settlement objectives.

531 **Q. Has the complexity of the Project impacted the overall level of process costs?**

532 A. Yes. As detailed earlier in my testimony, the relicensing process is time-  
533 consuming, complex and requires the expenditure of significant staff labor,  
534 outside technical support, and legal services to prepare an application and defend  
535 and prosecute that application through the regulatory process. The Project has  
536 been the most complex and contentious relicensing proceeding the Company has  
537 undertaken for its many hydroelectric projects. Even so, the Project relicensing  
538 costs are comparable with another recent relicensing effort by the Company on  
539 the North Umpqua River. At the conclusion of that relicensing process in 2005,  
540 the total cost was approximately \$55.1 million. In that case, the relicensing and  
541 settlement process spanned ten years, from 1991 to 2001. The settlement parties



542 were fewer in number and included: U.S. Forest Service, National Marine  
543 Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management,  
544 Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Department of Fish and  
545 Wildlife, and Oregon Water Resources Department.

546 **The KHSA and Supporting Economic Analysis**

547 **Q. Please provide a more detailed description of the KHSA.**

548 A. The KHSA provides for the transfer of the Project to a Dam Removal Entity  
549 (“DRE”) no earlier than 2020. The KHSA calls for the Secretary of the Interior to  
550 conduct further studies and environmental review and to issue a determination as  
551 to whether dam removal should proceed. Prior to the Secretary’s determination,  
552 key milestones called for in the KHSA must occur, including the passage of  
553 federal legislation to enact key provisions of the KHSA and to provide protection  
554 for the Company and its customers from liabilities related to dam removal. Prior  
555 to transfer of the Project facilities to the DRE, PacifiCorp will continue to operate  
556 the facilities and its customers will continue to benefit from the low-cost power  
557 produced by the facilities. Prior to dam removal, the KHSA requires the Company  
558 to implement a number of interim measures to mitigate impacts of the Project in  
559 the Klamath Basin.

560 **Q. Please provide an overview of PacifiCorp’s approach to the negotiations that**  
561 **led to the execution of the KHSA.**

562 A. Relicensing the project has been a complex and challenging process that is  
563 interwoven into longstanding and contentious issues in the Klamath Basin.  
564 Throughout these negotiations, the federal government and the states of Oregon

565 and California have expressed a strong policy preference that PacifiCorp's dams  
566 on the Klamath River be removed. In response, PacifiCorp outlined four core  
567 principles that guided its negotiation strategy related to a path that could lead to  
568 dam removal:

- 569 1. Protect utility customers from uncertain costs of dam removal;
- 570 2. Transfer dams to a third party for removal;
- 571 3. Protect utility customers from liabilities of dam removal; and
- 572 4. Ensure that utility customers continue to benefit from the low-cost power  
573 of the dams until the dams are removed

574 **Q. Does the KHSA deliver the Company's four core principles?**

575 A. Yes. The terms of the KHSA deliver each of these elements for the benefit of  
576 PacifiCorp's customers. As such, the KHSA provides a more certain and less  
577 risky path forward for customers.

578 **Q. How does the KHSA protect customers from uncertain costs of dam  
579 removal?**

580 A. The KHSA contains a \$200 million cap on the customer contribution to the costs  
581 of dam removal and also provides, with the passage of necessary federal  
582 legislation conforming to the terms of the KHSA, liability protection that will  
583 shield customers from additional costs related to dam removal should ultimate  
584 costs exceed those laid out within the KHSA.

585 **Q. Were there any other key considerations for PacifiCorp as it negotiated the**  
586 **terms of the KHSA?**

587 A. Yes. PacifiCorp negotiated the terms of the KHSA in a manner that resulted in a  
588 fair and balanced outcome to customers and other stakeholders. As discussed in  
589 detail below, under relicensing, the status quo for the Project isn't an option. As  
590 such, the costs to customers under the KHSA were compared against a baseline  
591 relicensing scenario throughout the negotiations. This analysis ensured that  
592 customers would be expected to be no worse off under the KHSA as compared to  
593 a conservative estimate of relicensing costs. This analysis, combined with the  
594 significant risk-reducing elements of the KHSA, ensures that the KHSA is in the  
595 interest of PacifiCorp's customers.

596 **Q. Please describe PacifiCorp's general approach to the economic analysis**  
597 **supporting its decision to enter into the KHSA.**

598 A. Prior to entering into the KHSA, PacifiCorp compared the cost to customers of  
599 the KHSA with the costs to customers under a conservative relicensing scenario.  
600 The costs to customers of relicensing are highly uncertain. As such, the Company  
601 developed a relicensing case against which the economics of the KHSA were  
602 compared. The relicensing case relies heavily on the costs and data developed as  
603 part of the FERC FEIS.

604 **Q. Please provide an overview of the Company's estimated costs to relicense the**  
605 **Project.**

606 A. As detailed on page 2 of Confidential Exhibit RMP\_\_\_(ALK-4), the Company's  
607 estimated costs to relicense the Project include in excess of \$400 million in capital

608 and in excess of \$60 million in operations and maintenance (“O&M”) costs over a  
609 40-year license term. Of these capital costs, the majority is related to  
610 implementation of aquatic resource PM&E measures. These costs are related to  
611 providing volitional upstream and downstream fish passage at all Project  
612 developments, which is required by the mandatory agency terms and conditions.  
613 Additional funding would be required for terrestrial resource PM&E measures,  
614 recreational resource PM&E measures, land use PM&E’s, and cultural resource  
615 PM&E measures. The remaining capital costs are for water quality improvements  
616 to address temperature and dissolved oxygen effects of the Project reservoirs and  
617 to address water quality concerns related to algae. Consistent with PacifiCorp’s  
618 license application, the East Side and West Side developments would be  
619 decommissioned and removed.

620 The PM&E measures contained in the Company’s baseline relicensing  
621 scenario generally include those measures specified in the “Staff Alternative with  
622 Mandatory Conditions” alternative in the FERC FEIS. Because the CWA Section  
623 401 water quality certification process for the Project is not yet complete, the  
624 water quality measures necessary to obtain a new license remain highly uncertain.  
625 Thus, the Company’s relicensing scenario includes measures that have been  
626 evaluated during the FERC process to address the water quality effects of the  
627 Project, as an estimate of what might be required.

628 In addition to the capital and O&M expenditures to implement the  
629 required PM&E measures, the relicensing scenario also reflects a 20 percent  
630 reduction in the energy that would be produced from the Project. This is due to

631 the requirement to provide more water to bypassed reaches of the Klamath River,  
632 which makes less water available for generation. This most significantly impacts  
633 generation at the J.C. Boyle development, where compliance with agency terms  
634 and conditions on flows would reduce generation more than 40 percent. J.C.  
635 Boyle is by far the largest generation facility in the Project.

636 **Q. What information sources were used to derive these costs?**

637 A. The majority of the costs included in the Company's analysis are in the FERC  
638 record and contained or referenced in Appendix A of the FEIS. These costs have  
639 been escalated to current dollars since the costs contained in the FEIS were in  
640 2006 dollars. Some costs were developed from PacifiCorp internal estimates and  
641 generation impact models. Given the uncertainty related to the costs to implement  
642 measures required to obtain CWA Section 401 water quality certifications from  
643 California and Oregon, water quality costs include measures explored during the  
644 relicensing proceeding to address project-related water quality effects.

645 **Q. Please provide an overview of the Company's assumed costs of implementing**  
646 **the KHSA.**

647 A. As detailed on page 3 of Exhibit RMP\_\_\_(ALK-4), the Company's assessment of  
648 the costs of settlement includes approximately \$9 million in capital costs and  
649 approximately \$70 million in costs that would be characterized as O&M costs.  
650 The majority of the capital costs reflect the costs of interim water quality  
651 improvements and hatchery improvements. Increased funding for hatchery  
652 programs and ongoing hatchery production following dam removal represents  
653 approximately half of the O&M costs. Other funding requirements include

654 restoration and study funding, lands and cultural resources funding, aquatic  
655 habitat enhancement, water quality monitoring and improvement costs.  
656 Implementation and management costs are also reflected in the O&M costs.  
657 Implementation costs also include the decommissioning of the East Side and West  
658 Side development at a cost of approximately \$3 million, and the \$172 million dam  
659 removal customer surcharge.

660 **Q. How were these costs derived?**

661 A. The majority of the costs included in the Company's assessment of settlement  
662 costs are derived from Appendices C and D of the KHSA. These appendices list  
663 the interim measures that the Company must implement prior to dam removal.  
664 Many of the interim measures consist of capped funding obligations for specific  
665 resource areas such as hatcheries, aquatic habitat enhancement, water quality  
666 monitoring, water quality studies and improvements, and land management  
667 activities. Other costs for specific interim measures are estimates of what might  
668 be necessary to fulfill the obligation spelled out in the interim measure based on  
669 the costs to develop certain infrastructure or implement specific projects. As with  
670 the relicensing case, some costs are developed from PacifiCorp internal estimates  
671 and generation impact models.

672 **Q. How was the analysis structured?**

673 A. The analysis evaluated the Present Value Revenue Requirement ("PVRR") of the  
674 stream of costs under the KHSA and compared it against the PVRR of the stream  
675 of costs under the relicensing scenario. The analysis covered a 44-year period  
676 beginning in 2010 – this equates to a 40-year license beginning in 2013.

677 **Q. What did the analysis assume with respect to the costs of replacement**  
678 **power?**

679 A. In both scenarios, the Company assumed that lost generation would be replaced  
680 with renewable, non-carbon emitting resources. This was accomplished through  
681 the use of a forward price curve that contained a “carbon adder” as a reasonable  
682 proxy for the cost of renewable replacement power. As noted above, there is also  
683 lost generation under the baseline relicensing scenario due to operating  
684 restrictions that were included in the FERC FEIS.

685 **Q. How did the Company use the analysis to inform its negotiation strategy?**

686 A. As mentioned above, the Company was willing to agree to a set of financial  
687 commitments under the KHSA that did not exceed the cost estimates in the  
688 relicensing scenario. However, it was also important to the durability of the  
689 KHSA that the other settlement parties viewed the overall result as fair and  
690 balanced. If the PVRR of the KHSA was significantly below the baseline  
691 relicensing case, this durability would have been threatened.

692 **Q. Does the KHSA result in a fair and balanced outcome to PacifiCorp’s**  
693 **customers?**

694 A. Yes. Based on the results of this conservative analysis, the KHSA results in a  
695 PVRR that is below the cost of relicensing. This is shown in a summary of the  
696 Company’s economic analysis included on page 1 of Confidential Exhibit  
697 RMP\_\_\_(ALK-4). More importantly, customers are protected from the risks and  
698 liabilities that exist absent an agreement among the parties. The Company  
699 conducted additional sensitivity analyses related to these risks and customers were

700 better off under a broad range of assumptions. In the end, the Company's decision  
701 to enter into the KHSA was no different than any other business decision –  
702 customers are better off in terms of costs and risks under the KHSA when  
703 compared against the range of alternate scenarios.

704 **Q. What cost risks does relicensing present for customers?**

705 A. The risk of increasing costs is one risk relicensing presents for customers. The  
706 PM&E measures included in the Company's assessment of relicensing costs are  
707 based on the best estimates available as developed during the relicensing  
708 proceeding several years ago. As such, there is always a risk that costs for  
709 PM&E measures will escalate as measures are fully designed and constructed.  
710 This represents a risk to customers since a new license would prescribe the  
711 construction of certain facilities to mitigate project effects and establish fish  
712 passage regardless of the ultimate cost of those measures. Consultation with  
713 agencies, as required by a new license, can also increase the scope and cost of  
714 PM&Es as design standards and agency criteria change.

715 The cost of additional PM&E measures is another risk relicensing presents  
716 for customers. Agencies have also reserved authority to require additional  
717 mandatory PM&E's to address changed environmental conditions or the  
718 potential ineffectiveness of required PM&Es to attain the desired benefits. Thus,  
719 additional PM&E measures could be required during the term of a new Project  
720 license that would result in costs to customers in excess of what is reflected in  
721 known relicensing costs at this time.



722                   There are also other process-related risks that licensing presents for  
723 customers. As one example, if the State of Oregon or California denied a CWA  
724 Section 401 water quality certification, FERC would be unable to issue a new  
725 license, yet maintains that it has the authority to require the owner to  
726 decommission and remove the project facilities at the owner's expense.

727 **Q.    Do you believe that the costs assumed in the baseline relicensing scenario**  
728 **are conservative?**

729 A.    Yes. Absent a settlement among parties, it is clear that the Company would  
730 continue to face significant opposition to relicensing. My observation is that on  
731 balance the stakeholders would attempt to drive the costs of relicensing as high  
732 as possible in an effort to make relicensing uneconomic. As discussed above,  
733 there are also significant risks related to the Company's ability to secure state  
734 CWA Section 401 water quality permits.

735 **Q.    How do these risks compare to the risks under the Company's settlement**  
736 **scenario?**

737 A.    Continuation down a path of relicensing presents far greater risks to customers  
738 than settlement under the KHSA. Under the KHSA, cost obligations are well-  
739 defined and largely capped. For the interim measures that do not have a cost cap,  
740 the relative cost risk is much less than under relicensing given the extensive  
741 scope and costs associated with measures required under relicensing.  
742 Additionally, transferring the dams prior to removal, along with other key  
743 protection measures outlined in the KHSA further minimize cost risk.

744 **Q. Has the Company undertaken a comprehensive analysis of the costs of**  
745 **Project removal?**

746 A. No. PacifiCorp has not attempted to complete a comprehensive analysis of the  
747 costs of Project removal given the many risks and uncertainties. Large  
748 uncertainties include the costs of sediment management, minimizing and  
749 mitigating environmental impacts related to removal, water quality and  
750 endangered species impacts, infrastructure impacts, and site re-vegetation and  
751 restoration costs. Many of these uncertainties can only be better defined through  
752 the removal design and permitting process. The KHSA is designed to shield  
753 customers from the risks and liabilities of dam removal while ensuring that a  
754 comprehensive science-based review is undertaken prior to the Secretarial  
755 Determination of whether removal of the dams is in the public interest.

756 **Q. Have any credit rating entities commented on the benefits of the KHSA?**

757 A. Yes. In an October 7, 2010, credit report for PacifiCorp, Standard & Poor's cited  
758 the KHSA as a "Major Rating Factor" providing strength to PacifiCorp's credit  
759 rating. The Standard & Poor's assessment stated that "A settlement reached in  
760 February 2010 regarding the contentious Klamath hydro relicensing case has the  
761 potential to adequately address the company's financial exposure if the project is  
762 decommissioned, which will not occur before 2020."

763 **Q. What does this rating agency comment mean with respect to customer**  
764 **benefits?**

765 A. This means that PacifiCorp's execution of the KHSA pursuant to the relicensing  
766 and settlement process has favorably impacted customers already by

767 strengthening PacifiCorp's credit rating. This ultimately translates to a lower cost  
768 of debt which benefits customers.

769 **Progress on KHSA Implementation**

770 **Q. Since the KHSA was signed in February, 2010, what progress has been made**  
771 **in implementing the KHSA?**

772 A. Significant progress has been made by the Company in implementing its  
773 obligations under the KHSA and progress in implementing the regulatory and  
774 legislative actions necessary for the agreement to proceed has occurred as well.

775 As required by the KHSA, the Company has petitioned both the California State  
776 Water Quality Control Board and the Oregon Department of Environmental  
777 Quality to hold in abeyance its applications before those agencies to certify the  
778 Project under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. Both agencies, acting in an  
779 independent capacity, have granted this abeyance in the recognition that  
780 successful implementation of the KHSA will resolve the relicensing proceeding  
781 for the Project.

782 **Q. What implementation actions has the Company taken directly as a result of**  
783 **the KHSA?**

784 A. Since the execution of the KHSA, the Company has made adjustments to Project  
785 operations consistent with its obligations under the KHSA and has taken actions  
786 to fulfill its requirement to implement interim measures to protect and enhance  
787 environmental resources in the Klamath basin. These interim measures include  
788 providing increased funding to support and enhance hatchery operations at the  
789 Company's fish hatchery located at the Project, actions to fund and implement

790 habitat enhancement and conservation actions for salmon and fish species  
791 protected under the ESA, and actions to fund and implement water quality  
792 monitoring and enhancement measures.

793 **Q. Have other parties to the Settlement made progress in implementing their**  
794 **obligations?**

795 A. Yes. Since the Settlement was signed, the U.S. Department of the Interior  
796 (“Interior”) and the California Department of Fish and Game (“CDFG”) have  
797 undertaken the necessary environmental review and analysis consistent with the  
798 requirements of NEPA and CEQA, which must be completed prior to the  
799 Secretarial Determination. Scoping for the NEPA/CEQA process began in June  
800 2010 and a Draft EIS/Environmental Impact Report for Klamath facilities  
801 removal was released by Interior and CDFG for public comment on September  
802 21, 2011. Interior has completed numerous studies and technical reports over the  
803 past two years in fulfillment of its commitment in the KHSA to conduct relevant  
804 environmental studies and analysis to ascertain the impacts of potential dam  
805 removal.

806 **Q. Is there progress with federal legislation that would advance the KHSA?**

807 A. Yes. Legislation that would endorse and authorize the KHSA and the KBRA was  
808 introduced in the U.S. Congress on November 10, 2011. Senator Merkley from  
809 Oregon introduced the measure (S. 1851) in the Senate along with Senator  
810 Barbara Boxer from California. In the Senate, the bill has been referred to the  
811 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Representative Mike Thompson of

812 California introduced the measure (H.R. 3398) in the House of Representatives,  
813 along with 15 Representatives as co-sponsors.

814 **Q. Now that legislation has been introduced, what legislative activity is**  
815 **anticipated?**

816 A. Since the legislation was introduced, Senator Ron Wyden of Oregon has  
817 announced that the subcommittee of the Energy and Natural Resources  
818 Committee that he chairs will hold a hearing on the legislation early this year.  
819 Hearings such as this will be necessary for the legislation to be vetted in Congress  
820 such that it can be marked up by the relevant committees and eventually referred  
821 to the full House and Senate for passage.

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

823 A. Yes.