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## MEMORANDUM

To: Public Service Commission

From: Division of Public Utilities  
Chris Parker, Director  
Artie Power, Energy Section Manager  
Abdinasir Abdulle, Utility Analyst  
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Date: October 6, 2015

Re: Docket No. 15-035-63, revised annual compliance filing of PacifiCorp's Smart Grid monitoring report.

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### RECOMMENDATIONS (Acknowledge)

The Division of Public Utilities ("Division") recommends that the Commission acknowledge PacifiCorp's ("Company") revised 2015 Smart Grid Annual Report as supplemented on October 1, 2015 (supplemented revised Report). The revised Report was filed with the Public Service Commission (Commission) on August 14, 2014, a supplement to that report was filed with the Commission on or about October 1, 2015.

As discussed in its comments filed with the Commission on July 29, 2015 and in comments in its September 16, 2015 memorandum, the Division continues to believe that the Commission may want to reconsider whether the annual production of this report is worth the time and effort of the Company and is of real value to the regulatory community. The Division's preference is that the report be discontinued.

## **ISSUE**

Pursuant to the Commission Orders in Docket 08-999-05 dated on December 17, 2009 and November 30, 2011, the Company filed its 2015 Smart Grid Annual Report on July 1, 2015. Following comments by the Division and the Office of Consumer Services at the end of July 2015 that recommended that the Commission not acknowledge the report, the Company filed a revised Smart Grid Annual Report dated August 14, 2015 (revised Report). Subsequently, the Commission requested comments on the revised Report by September 16, 2015. The Division filed its comments in a September 16, 2015 memorandum that noted that while the Company had satisfied certain of the filing requirement deficiencies identified in the Division's July 29, 2015 memorandum, other filing requirement deficiencies were not dealt with in the revised Report. On October 1, 2015 the Company made a supplemental filing to the revised report. The supplement together with the revised Report is referred to as the supplemented revised Report. This memorandum is the Division's response to the supplemented revised Report.

## **DISCUSSION**

Following the filing of the Division's September 16, 2015 memorandum, the Company solicited additional feedback from the Division in order to correct and supplement the revised Report. Representatives of the Division, the Company, and the Office of Consumer Services held a conference call on September 23, 2015 to discuss the remaining deficiencies and what the Company would need to provide in order to bring the revised Report into compliance with the filing requirements. Subsequently, the Company filed supplemental information on October 1, 2015.

The Division has reviewed the supplemental information and believes that when combined with the revised Report, the Company has now satisfactorily complied with the filing requirements for its annual Smart Grid Report.

## **CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Division believes that the supplemented revised Report satisfactorily meets the filing requirements of the Commission. Therefore, the Division recommends that the Commission acknowledge the supplemented revised Report.

The Division continues to recommend that the Commission reconsider the need and usefulness of the Smart Grid report going forward. The Division's preference is that the report be discontinued.

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