



July 29, 2020

Utah Public Service Commission  
Heber M. Wells Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
160 East 300 South  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

**RE: H.B. 396 Request for Notice from Western Resource Advocates**

H.B. 396, *Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Amendments*, which passed in the 2020 General Session of the Utah Legislature and is codified at Utah Code Ann. § 54-4-41, directs the Utah Public Service Commission to authorize a “large-scale electric utility program” to deploy utility-owned electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure and provide EV charging service. As part of this program, the large-scale electric utility will develop a “transportation plan” related to these objectives. Utah Code Ann. § 54-4-41(2). PacifiCorp is the only electric utility in Utah that qualifies as a large-scale electric utility.

Before submitting a proposed program to the Public Service Commission, a large-scale electric utility (PacifiCorp) “shall seek and consider input from” a number of state agencies, including the Division of Public Utilities and the Office of Consumer Services, local authorities, third-party EV charging service providers, and “any other person who files a request for notice with the commission.” Utah Code Ann. § 54-4-41(3).

Western Resource Advocates (WRA) hereby files such a request for notice with the Commission. WRA requests to be among the entities PacifiCorp seeks and considers input from with regard to its proposed EV charging program.

WRA is a non-profit regional environmental law and policy center that works to protect the natural environment of the Interior West. WRA advocates for environmental improvements in the form of decreased air pollution, decreased water usage, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions. WRA’s Clean Energy Program advocates for policies that reduce the detrimental environmental impacts of energy production, transmission, and distribution, bearing in mind reliability concerns and overall cost-effectiveness. Beneficial electrification, including widespread electric vehicle adoption, is intertwined with WRA’s interest in reducing the detrimental impacts from carbon dioxide and conventional air emissions.

WRA requests that notices for H.B. 396-related processes be sent to the following:

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Sincerely,



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