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**Subject:** Recommendation to Approve PacifiCorp's Fourth Claimed Major Event  
Exclusion for April 15 through April 18, 2002

**Date:** Monday, August 12, 2002

We recommend that the Commission approve PacifiCorp's claimed major event exclusion for April 15 through April 18, 2002.

PacifiCorp has submitted data showing that significantly more than 10% of the customers in thirteen Utah operations areas experienced a sustained outage of more than five minutes duration during the major event.

ScottishPower/PacifiCorp merger condition #31 indicates that the Company may use the IEEE criteria to determine major events. IEEE criteria include:

1. Exceeds the design limits of the power system
2. Causes extensive damage to the power system
3. Results in more than 10% of the customers in an operations area experiencing a sustained outage.

We recommend approval based upon criterion #3. We do so because significantly more than 10% of PacifiCorp's Utah customers in thirteen operations areas experienced sustained outages.