

**To:** Utah State Public Service Commission and Committee of Consumer Services

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**Subject:** Recommendation to Approve PacifiCorp's Claimed Major Event Exclusions for May 2 through May 5, 2001 and June 12 through June 14, 2001

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We recommend that the Commission approve PacifiCorp's claimed major event exclusions for two wide-scale outages occurring during May 2<sup>nd</sup> through May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2001 and June 12<sup>th</sup> through June 14,<sup>th</sup>2001

PacifiCorp has submitted data showing that significantly more than 10% of the customers in affected Utah operating areas experienced a sustained outage of more than five minutes duration during the two major events. 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 operating area experiencing a sustained outage.

We recommend approval based upon criterion #3. This is because significantly more than 10% of PacifiCorp's Utah customers in affected operating areas experienced sustained outages during the two major event periods.