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MEMORANDUM



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TO: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

FROM: DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
 Irene Rees, Director
 Artie Powell, Acting Manager - Energy Section
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SUBJECT: Docket 04-999-05 - TEST YEAR TASK FORCE

The Test Period Task Force has been asked to make recommendations regarding the need for and timing of a test year hearing for a given rate case and also the filing requirements that would support that process. The Task Force members suspended discussions during the period when the major parties were preoccupied with developing and negotiating a settlement resolution to the recently concluded PacifiCorp general rate case. Discussions resumed after the conclusion of the rate case, and parties have made substantial progress towards a consensus on these matters. Hence, while the Division was prepared to file a report by April 1st (the originally ordered deadline) containing its own recommendations, we now ask for an extension of time to file that report, given the likelihood that further Task Force discussions can yield a report that represents a consensus.

We have every expectation of filing recommendations on the limited “need-and-timing” issue by the middle of May. Other matters that were enumerated in the Commission’s original order on this subject will be worked on in conjunction with the Filing Requirements Subgroup (to the Test Period Task Force), which was established pursuant to the Commission’s final PacifiCorp rate case Order. That subgroup’s charter extends to the end of November of this year.

cc: Service List