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Gary Widerburg Commission Administrator Public Service Commission of Utah Heber M. Wells Building, 4th Floor 160 East 300 South Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Re: PacifiCorp Notice of Affiliate Transaction

Docket No. 05-035-54

Dear Mr. Widerburg:

Pursuant to Commitment U3(2), incorporated in the Public Service Commission of Utah's *Report and Order* approving the *Acquisition of PacifiCorp by MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company*, issued January 27, 2006, as amended March 14, 2006, and June 5, 2006, PacifiCorp hereby provides notice of an affiliated interest transaction with of an affiliated interest transaction with BHE Wind, LLC (BHE Wind). BHE Wind will be conveying equipment to PacifiCorp for PacifiCorp's TB Flats I and II wind facility (the Wind Project). A copy of the Purchase and Sale Agreement is included with this Notice as Confidential <u>Attachment A</u>. The agreement contains commercially-sensitive information which, if disclosed to the public, could erode the Company's ability to bargain with vendors in the future, and it is submitted as confidential.

PacifiCorp is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company (BHE). BHE Renewables, LLC (BHER) is also a wholly-owned subsidiary of BHE. BHE Wind is a wholly owned subsidiary of BHER. Therefore, BHE's ownership interest in PacifiCorp and BHER creates an affiliate interest relationship between PacifiCorp and BHE Wind.

Based in Phoenix, Arizona, BHE Wind owns solar, wind, geothermal, and hydroelectric projects that produce energy for both the wholesale market and for customers under long-term power agreements. BHE Wind is transferring certain wind turbine equipment to PacifiCorp for

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use in its Energy Vision 2020 projects. Energy Vision 2020 was assessed in the Company's 2017 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) preferred portfolio, which identified a time-limited opportunity to procure approximately 1,100 mega-watts (MW) of cost-effective Wyoming wind facilities and construct transmission facilities to relieve existing congestion and allow interconnection of those new wind facilities, while providing all-in customer savings. The Wind Project is a component of the Energy Vision 2020 projects.

Vestas V110 60 hertz 2.0MW equipment will be transferred from BHE Wind to PacifiCorp via a purchase and sale agreement priced at BHE Wind's cost of \$. The costs of the transferred equipment were paid and incurred by BHE Wind in 2016 and are projected to constitute five percent or more of the eventual total cost of the Wind Project. This "five-percent safe harbor" equipment establishes a 2016 beginning of construction date that qualifies the Wind Project for 100 percent Production Tax Credits (PTCs) so long as the Wind Project is placed in service before January 1, 2021. If this same equipment was transferred to PacifiCorp by an unrelated party (a non-affiliated party), the costs would be treated as paid and incurred by PacifiCorp in 2020 rather than in 2016, and the project would not be eligible for 100 percent PTCs. (With respect to transfers of solely tangible personal property between related parties, amounts paid or incurred by the transferor with respect to such property can be taken in to account by the transferee for the purposes of the five-percent safe-harbor method for establishing the beginning of construction date. Conversely, when a transfer consists solely of tangible personal property to a transferee not related to the transferor, costs paid or incurred by the transferor may not be taken into account by the transferee for the purposes of the five-percent safe harbor.) Thus, this transaction supports the cost effectiveness and deliverability of Energy Vision 2020 for the benefit of customers.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: Chris Parker, DPU
Michele Beck, OCS

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ATTACHMENT A

to

PacifiCorp Notice of Affiliate Transaction

THIS ATTACHMENT IS CONFIDENTIAL IN ITS ENTIRETY AND IS PROVIDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I hereby certify that on June 10, 2020, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail to the following:

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