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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Gary Widerburg Commission Administrator Public Service Commission of Utah Heber M. Wells Building 160 East 300 South Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Re: Notice of Non-Competitive Procurement with AssurX

## Dear Commissioners:

In accordance with PacifiCorp's ("the Company") Procurement Policy, the Company must report to the Public Service Commission of Utah ("Commission") purchases of goods or services exceeding \$1,000,000 that are not competitively bid. This letter hereby serves as notice that PacifiCorp has entered a non-competitively bid contract with AssurX, Inc. ("AssurX") that exceeds \$1,000,000. The contract is for compliance management platform software for oversight of the Company's compliance requirements with NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection, NERC Operations and Protection Reliability Standards, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission compliance regulations, and adherence with Berkshire Hathaway Energy corporate cybersecurity controls programs. The total contract price is \$\frac{1}{2}\text{ over a contract term of \$\frac{1}{2}\text{ years.}

Pursuant to PacifiCorp's Procurement Policy, a supplier may be awarded a contract on a non-competitive basis under certain circumstances, such as when competitive bidding is impossible or impractical, or when otherwise a non-competitive procurement has been demonstrated to be in the best interest of the Company and its customers.

PacifiCorp is subject to mandated NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection, NERC Operations and Protection Reliability Standards, and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission compliance regulations. Currently, PacifiCorp uses an aging in-house developed and supported Consolidated Compliance Environment ("CCE") application to track and manage these requirements, which will be obsolete by 2023 due to new systems being implemented for business operations, IT system management, and new technology projects to support system reliability advancements and wildfire mitigation. AssurX will replace and enhance the current CCE capabilities including oversight and internal controls for compliance program document and evidence management. This will manage the NERC CIP Standards for asset management, system configuration management, patch management, access management and supply chain risk management. AssurX was selected to provide a common compliance management platform across all the Berkshire Hathaway Energy affiliate companies through an extensive competitive procurement process conducted by NV Energy in 2019. A separate competitive procurement by PacifiCorp would be duplicative and unnecessary since the contract was already procured through a competitive process at NV Energy. PacifiCorp was involved in the bid requirements phase of the NV energy procurement event, with the intent that the compliance management platform would

be the same platform used across the Berkshire Hathaway Energy ("BHE") Affiliates. The Company's customers in Utah will benefit from this contract as it will provide the ability for PacifiCorp to consolidate compliance related activities into a single management platform that increase oversight efficiency and allows PacifiCorp's compliance organization to reduce compliance, operations, and security risks in the Western Interconnect. It will also allow BHE Affiliate compliance organizations to collaborate and learn, sharing best practices and work together with BHE shared services business units using the same AssurX language.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jana Saba at 801-220-2823.

Sincerely,

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cc: Division of Public Utilities
Office of Consumer Services