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February 20, 2025

#### 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 Utility System Efficiencies, Inc.

#### **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 into a non-competitively bid contract with Utility System Efficiencies, Inc. ("USE") that exceeds \$1,000,000. The total contract value for the scope of work is

Since 2016, USE has provided main grid transmission planning support for the Company's ongoing Cluster studies, Cluster Re-studies, Affected System studies and various special studies. The Company does not have the capacity to perform these studies in-house, and USE has significant technical expertise and experience with the essential software tools to complete these technical studies. These studies have strict deadlines and must comply with federal regulations and compliance standards.

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.

USE has performed transmission studies for the Company almost ten years. In that time, USE has helped the Company with reliable system assessments, in less time than similar contractors, and with a high level of expertise that resulted in cost savings for the Company and ratepayers. Due to the strict deadlines and compliance standards for these studies, contracting with another firm would increase the risk of costly errors and less efficient and expert services.

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Questions regarding this notice can be directed to Max Backlund at 801-220-3121 or <a href="max.backlund@pacificorp.com">max.backlund@pacificorp.com</a>.

Sincerely,

Joelle Steward

Senior Vice President, Regulation

cc: Division of Public Utilities
Office of Consumer Services

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Docket No. 25-999-01

I hereby certify that on February 20, 2025, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail to the following:

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