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ALJ Christina Smith
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
550 Capital Street NE
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Re: UM 1209--Moderator Selection

Dear Judge Smith:

In response to your Memorandum re: Moderator, MidAmerican and PacifiCorp request that the Commission consider the following comments even though they are being submitted by noon on August 8, rather than by 9:00 am as directed by the Memorandum. We apologize for the delay in the filing, caused by docketing this deadline for 5:00 pm, rather than for 9:00 am.

First, MidAmerican and PacifiCorp support the qualifications for the moderator set forth in the Memorandum. MidAmerican and PacifiCorp hope that the moderator will assist in making the meetings of the parties to this case both efficient and effective.

Second, MidAmerican and PacifiCorp suggest the following as potential sources for qualified persons to serve as the moderator in this case: (1) former Commission ALJs; and (2) the candidate list for PacifiCorp's Multi-State Process (MSP) Standing Neutral now being considered by the MSP Standing Committee. Mr. Marc Hellman is Oregon's representative to the Standing Committee. Either Mr. Hellman or PacifiCorp could provide this list of names at your request.

Thank you for considering the comments of MidAmerican and PacifiCorp on this issue.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Katherine A. McDowell", written over a horizontal line.

Katherine A. McDowell

cc: UM 1209 Service List

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