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Attn: Filing Center

## RE: UM 1810—PacifiCorp's Motion for General Protective Order

PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power encloses for filing in the above-referenced docket its Motion for General Protective Order.

If you have questions about this filing, please contact Natasha Siores at (503) 813-6583.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

## UM 1810

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

PacifiCorp's Transportation Electrification Outreach and Education Pilot Program. Motion for Protective Order by PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power

1 Under ORCP 36(C)(7) and OAR 860-001-0080(1), PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power 2 (PacifiCorp or Company) moves the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) for 3 entry of a standard protective order in this proceeding. Good cause exists to issue a 4 protective order to protect commercially sensitive and confidential business information 5 related to the cost of services and equipment the Company intends to procure through 6 competitive solicitations. 7 The Commission's rules authorize PacifiCorp to seek reasonable restrictions on 8 discovery of trade secrets and other confidential business information.<sup>1</sup> The Commission's 9 standard protective order is designed to allow the broadest possible discovery consistent with the need to protect confidential information.<sup>2</sup> PacifiCorp has received or expects to receive 10 11 discovery requests in these proceedings, including requests for propriety cost data and 12 models, commercially sensitive pricing information, confidential market analyses and 13 business projections, or confidential information regarding contracts for the purchase or sale

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See OAR 860-001-0000(1) (adopting the Oregon Rules of Civil Procedure); ORCP 36(C)(7) (providing protection against unrestricted discovery of "trade secrets or other confidential research, development, or commercial information"). See also In re Investigation into the Cost of Providing Telecommunication Service, Docket UM 351, Order No. 91-500 (1991) (recognizing that protective orders are a reasonable means to protect "the rights of a party to trade secrets and other confidential commercial information" and "to facilitate the communication of information between litigants").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> OAR 860-001-0080(2).

of electric power, power services, or fuel. PacifiCorp will be exposed to competitive injury if
 it is forced to make unrestricted disclosure of its confidential business information.

It is also substantially likely that the parties to these proceedings will seek to discover further information held by PacifiCorp, including confidential business information. Issuance of a protective order will facilitate the production of relevant information and expedite the discovery process.

For these reasons, PacifiCorp respectfully requests that the Commission enter its
standard protective order in this docket. The Company requests expedited consideration of
this motion to allow parties who execute the protective order to obtain prompt responses to
discovery requests.

Respectfully submitted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

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