

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON
UE 374**

In the Matter of
PACIFICORP, dba Pacific Power
Request for a General Rate Revision

PETITION TO INTERVENE OF OREGON
FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

Pursuant to ORS 756.525 and OAR 860-001-0300, Oregon Farm Bureau Federation (OFBF) petitions the Public Utility Commission of Oregon to intervene in this proceeding with full party status. OFBF intends to participate jointly with intervenor Klamath Water Users Association (KWUA) and through the same counsel. In support of this petition, OFBF represents as follows:

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III. THE ORGANIZATION

The Oregon Farm Bureau Federation (OFBF) is a voluntary, grassroots, nonprofit organization representing Oregon's farmers and ranchers. As Oregon's largest agricultural trade

association, its primary goal is to promote educational improvement, economic opportunity, and social advancement for its members and the farming, ranching, and natural resources industry as a whole. Today, OFBF represents nearly 7,000 farming and ranching families across the state.

IV. APPLICANT'S INTEREST

OFBF's members use electricity to move irrigation and drainage water. The cost of electricity has a significant effect on the viability of operations. KWUA, which has been granted intervention in this proceeding, is focused primarily on interests of agricultural power users in the Klamath Project and Upper Klamath Basin area. OFBF's membership includes operations from throughout the state, including all areas subject to Schedule 41. OFBF intends to participate jointly in this proceeding with KWUA, and through the same counsel, and will not have any expert witnesses other than those appearing for KWUA.

V. ISSUES

The Summary of Requested Electric General Rate Increase sought by PacifiCorp includes a request for a net percentage increase in the cost of agricultural pumping service pursuant to Schedule 41 of 10.0 percent. It also requests an increase in the return on equity payable to PacifiCorp to 10.2 percent. The 10.0 percent increase will have significant consequences for OFBF's members. OFBF has reviewed testimony and exhibits submitted by PacifiCorp and intervenors and opposes the proposed increase. OFBF's participation will not burden these proceedings unnecessarily.

Dated this 15th day of June 2020.

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