

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1209

In the Matter of)	
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MIDAMERICAN ENERGY HOLDINGS)	
COMPANY)	RULING
)	
Application for Authorization to Acquire)	
Pacific Power & Light, dba PacifiCorp.)	

**DISPOSITION: PETITION TO INTERVENE CONDITIONALLY
GRANTED**

On August 24, 2005, the League of Oregon Cities filed a petition to intervene, stating an interest in retaining all local taxes and fees and being able to manage and receive compensation for the use of local rights of way. On August 24, 2005, the Department of Housing and Community Services (OHCS) filed a petition to intervene asserting an interest as administrator of low-income energy assistance and weatherization programs in Oregon. According to OHCS, much of the funding for those programs comes from PacifiCorp utility charges. Also on August 24, 2005, the Klamath Off-Project Water Users (KOPWU) submitted a petition to intervene, arguing that although it does not believe issues related to Klamath Basin rates and water allocation are relevant in this proceeding, its interests cannot be represented by any other party if those issues were to arise in this case. These parties have knowledge and expertise that will assist the Commission in resolving the issues presented in this proceeding. The parties assert that their participation in this proceeding will not unduly broaden the issues or burden the record.

I anticipate that MEHC and PacifiCorp may raise the same objection to KOPWU as it did to other intervenors concerned with issues in the Klamath Basin and other hydroelectric projects. *See* MEHC/PacifiCorp Obj to Hydro Parties (Aug 11, 2005). The participation of KOPWU, and indeed all intervenors, is limited to issues relevant under the legal standard as reiterated in the August 26, 2005, ruling on MEHC and PacifiCorp's objections to the other parties.

The Petitions are conditionally granted. Any person wishing to contest a Petition may do so within 10 days of service of the Petition. If no person contests these Petitions, this decision shall be final.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 26th day of August, 2005.

Christina M. Smith
Administrative Law Judge