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A DIVISION OF PACIFICORP

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December 18, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Attn: Filing Center
201 High Street SE, Suite 100
Salem, OR 97301-3398

Re: Docket No. PCN 8—PacifiCorp's Notice of Intent to File a Petition for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power (PacifiCorp or Company) hereby provides notice to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) of its intent to file a Petition for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for Construction of Overhead Transmission (Petition) authorizing construction of an approximately 11.5 mile-long, overhead, 230-kilovolt transmission line between the existing Lone Pine Substation north and west to the existing Whetstone Substation near Medford in central Jackson County (the LPW Project). ORS 758.015 requires utilities proposing to construct transmission lines to petition the Commission for a CPCN if a transmission line will necessitate condemnation of land or an interest therein.

The LPW Project is needed to ensure compliance with transmission system reliability standards of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) (Reliability Standard TPL-001-5.1) and Western Electricity Coordination Council (WECC, Criterion TPL-001-WECC-CRT-4) to reinforce the 230-kV supply to Lone Pine and Whetstone substations and continue to provide reliable service to customers on the bulk electric system in southern Oregon for five N-1-1 contingency combinations.

The Company has notified the 57 landowners that will be impacted by the LPW Project. Although negotiations with landowners are in different stages of development, PacifiCorp has acquired 10 of the 75 easements required to complete the LPW Project. Accordingly, PacifiCorp has worked diligently to secure the required rights needed to begin construction of the line, which is critical to maintain safe and reliable service in PacifiCorp's service territory in Oregon.

PacifiCorp anticipates filing the Petition, with supporting testimony, in February 2025. The Petition will be filed in accordance with the Commission's CPCN rules, OAR 860-025-0030, OAR 860-025-0035, and OAR 860-025-0040. Finally, the Company is also mailing a copy of this notice of intent to all landowners for which condemnation may be necessary informing them of PacifiCorp's plan to file a Petition with instructions on how to participate in the upcoming proceeding. A copy of the customer communication is attached.

Please address correspondence on this matter to the following:

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Additionally, PacifiCorp requests that all formal information requests regarding this matter be addressed to:

By email (preferred): datarequest@pacificorp.com

By regular mail: Data Request Response Center
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Informal inquiries may be directed to Cathie Allen, Manager, Regulatory Affairs, at (503) 813-5934.

Sincerely,

Matthew McVee
Vice President, Regulatory Policy and Operations

Enclosures

Letter to Landowner

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825 NE Multnomah Street
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December 18, 2024

Landowner
Address
City, State

Re: Docket No. PCN 8 – PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power's Notice of Intent to File Petition for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Landowner,

PacifiCorp is proposing to construct the Lone Pine to Whetstone Transmission Line, a 230-kilovolt line which is necessary to meet the growing electrical needs of our customers. This project is necessary to maintain safe and reliable service on PacifiCorp's system in the surrounding areas and is essential to the people and communities we serve.

This letter is to inform you that PacifiCorp has submitted the enclosed notice to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (OPUC) regarding its intent to file a petition in the February 2025, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the Lone Pine to Whetstone Transmission Line. A CPCN is required for any electric utility constructing an overhead transmission line before initiating any subsequent condemnation proceeding. Once filed, the petition is the initial step in a public process that includes review of the documentation that supports the transmission line, an OPUC investigation, and public testimony, among other procedural steps.

PacifiCorp remains committed to collaborating with the communities, customers, and neighbors we serve. PacifiCorp's objective is to negotiate fair compensation for landowners in exchange for essential easements and rights-of-entry to property along the transmission line route that provides benefits to customers in local communities, and to avoid condemnation unless required. If you have any questions regarding the Lone Pine to Whetstone Transmission Line, please contact me at John.Aniello@pacificorp.com or (503) 545-9539.

Sincerely,

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John Aniello
Project Manager