

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

STAFF NOTICE OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

(September 21, 2012)

Take notice<sup>1</sup> that in a nonpublic preliminary investigation pursuant to 18 C.F.R. Part 1b, the staff of the Office of Enforcement of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has preliminarily determined that PacifiCorp violated sections 17.1 and 18.1 and Schedule 11 of its Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT)<sup>2</sup> and Part 37.6(e) of the Commission's regulations.<sup>3</sup>

PacifiCorp is a wholly owned subsidiary of MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company. PacifiCorp has three divisions: Pacific Power (a regulated utility serving customers in Oregon, Washington and California); Rocky Mountain Power (a regulated utility serving customers in Utah, Wyoming and Idaho); and PacifiCorp Energy, which owns and operates 78 generating plants across the West that have a net capacity of 10,483 megawatts. PacifiCorp has 62,000 miles of distribution line and approximately 15,900 miles of transmission line.

Staff alleges that PacifiCorp violated Part 37.6(e) of the Commission's regulations and sections 17.1 and 18.1 of its OATT by granting transmission access to customers who had not properly reserved or paid for that transmission via the Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS) website. In addition, staff alleges that PacifiCorp violated the requirements of Schedule 11 of its OATT by failing to identify and penalize unreserved use of transmission on its system.

This Notice does not confer a right on third parties to intervene in the investigation or any other right with respect to the investigation.

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<sup>1</sup> *Enforcement of Statutes, Regulations, and Orders*, 129 FERC ¶ 61,247 (2009), *order on reh'g*, 134 FERC ¶ 61,054 (2011).

<sup>2</sup> FERC Electric Tariff Vol. No. 11, Original Sheet Nos. 54, 60; Schedule 11, Original Sheet Nos. 240-41.

<sup>3</sup> 18 C.F.R. § 37.6(e) (2012).

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