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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

**Subject: Ashton Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2381)
Notification of Intent to File an Application for New License; Authorization
Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process; and Pre-Application
Document**

Dear Ms. Bose:

PacifiCorp is the current Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) licensee of the Ashton Hydroelectric Project (Project; FERC No. 2381), located on the Henry's Fork of the Snake River in Fremont County, Idaho. Pursuant to the regulations of the Commission, PacifiCorp hereby files its Notice of Intent (NOI) to File an Application for New License and its Pre-Application Document (PAD) to commence the relicensing process for the Project. The current FERC license for the Project was issued on August 3, 1987, with an effective date of January 1, 1988, and it expires on December 31, 2027. In addition, and in accordance with 18 C.F.R § 5.3, PacifiCorp also hereby files an authorization request with the Commission to relicense the Project using the Commission's Traditional Licensing Process (TLP). Comments on PacifiCorp's TLP request are due to be filed by interested parties within 30 days of the filing date of this letter.

Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 5.6(a)(1), PacifiCorp is distributing this transmittal letter to potentially interested parties identified by PacifiCorp on the enclosed interested parties list. Parties listed on the FERC service list will also receive a copy of this transmittal letter. This letter will be sent to parties on both lists via email, where an email address is not available, a hard copy of will be sent. The interested parties list includes federal and state resource agencies, tribes, non-governmental organizations, and other interested parties identified by PacifiCorp. The distribution of this transmittal letter to these parties will serve as their notice that the NOI, PAD and request to use the TLP along with subsequent filings may be downloaded from the website: <https://www.pacifiCorp.com/energy/hydro/ashton.html>.

PacifiCorp has arranged for public inspection of the NOI, PAD, and TLP request, at the Ashton Branch of the Fremont Library District, located at 925 Main Street, Ashton, Idaho 83420, during normal business hours. PacifiCorp, as required by 18 C.F.R § 5.3(d)(2), also has published notice of the NOI, PAD, and TLP request in the Standard Journal, a twice weekly published newspaper in general circulation in Fremont County, Idaho. An affidavit certifying the publishing of this notice will be sent to FERC when it is received.

PacifiCorp understands the Commission will issue a notice of the filing of the NOI and PAD no later than 60 days following this filing. If the Commission approves PacifiCorp's TLP authorization request, PacifiCorp will hold a Joint Meeting and Site Visit between 30 and 60 days

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of the Commission’s notice of the NOI, PAD, and TLP approval. Within 60 days following the Joint Meeting and Site Visit, interested parties may file written comments on the PAD and study requests with the Commission, with a copy provided to PacifiCorp.

Please be advised that some of the information required to be presented in the PAD is considered Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII), as defined by 18 CFR § 388.113(c). Such information has been removed from the public version of the PAD (Volume 1) and has been filed with the Commission in a separate volume (Volume 2) clearly marked as "This document is considered Critical Energy Infrastructure Information – DO NOT RELEASE." In addition, some of the information is relevant to cultural resources and is considered Privileged information under 18 CFR § 388.112. This information has been removed from PAD Volumes 1 and 2, and filed separately as Volume 3. PAD Volume 3 is clearly marked “This document is considered Privileged – DO NOT RELEASE.” Please ensure there is no unauthorized disclosure of these documents.

In accordance with 18 CFR §5.5(e), PacifiCorp is also requesting the Commission designate PacifiCorp as the Commission’s non-federal representative for purposes of consultation pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

This letter and its attachments have been filed electronically. The security classification of each component in this filing is shown in the enclosure table. Copies have also been transmitted to those cited below. If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact Mark Stenberg at (208) 339-9552 or mark.stenberg@pacificorp.com.

Sincerely,

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