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

**Subject: North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 1927)
Filing of Initial Consultation Document for Clearwater No. 2 Pumped
Storage Project**

Dear Secretary Bose:

PacifiCorp is the licensee, owner, and operator of the North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission [FERC] Project No. 1927) (North Umpqua Project) located approximately 60 miles east of Roseburg in eastern Douglas County, Oregon. The North Umpqua Project license was issued on November 18, 2003 and expires on November 1, 2038 (105 FERC ¶ 61,327).

PacifiCorp proposes upgrades at the Clearwater No. 2 Development (Clearwater No. 2) and Toketee Development (Toketee) to accommodate an open-loop pumped storage system utilizing the existing Toketee Reservoir as the lower reservoir and an expanded Clearwater No. 2 forebay as the upper (i.e., storage) reservoir (Pumped Storage Project). The Pumped Storage Project will include the addition of a new intake on Toketee Reservoir, a pumphouse, a reversible pump-turbine, a new penstock extension from the pumphouse to the existing Clearwater No. 2 penstock, and expansion of the existing Clearwater No. 2 forebay to provide additional volume for water storage and serve as the upper reservoir. The Pumped Storage Project's installed capacity is anticipated to be 26 megawatts.

PacifiCorp has developed an Initial Consultation Document (ICD) pursuant to the content requirements of Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 18 § 4.38 to describe the proposed amendment to the North Umpqua Project to accommodate the proposed Pumped Storage Project. This ICD provides supporting background information, and describes the existing environment, proposed facilities, operations, and the environmental setting of the proposed Pumped Storage Project. The ICD also describes the studies that PacifiCorp proposes to conduct to provide the information needed to make informed decisions about the proposed Pumped Storage Project. The ICD is available for download on the internet at <https://www.pacificorp.com/energy/hydro/north-umpqua-river.html>.

PacifiCorp intends to host a joint meeting and site visit with resource agencies, Indian tribes, and other interested stakeholders on June 8, 2022. The purpose of the joint meeting is to discuss the Pumped Storage Project (i.e., its facilities and operation), review existing information obtained by the PacifiCorp, discuss the potential environmental effects, and discuss any needed studies to fill information gaps. With this letter, PacifiCorp requests input from stakeholders on the scheduling

and agenda of the joint meeting. PacifiCorp will distribute the agenda for FERC’s review no later than 15 days in advance of the meeting. A notice of the joint meeting will also be published in a newspaper located in Douglas County at least 14 days in advance of the scheduled meeting date, in accordance with the requirements of 18 CFR § 4.38(g). PacifiCorp will distribute a meeting summary and recording promptly following the meeting. Comments on the ICD and recommendations for studies or additional information are due to FERC no later than 60 days after the joint meeting, or August 8, 2022.

In accordance with 18 CFR § 5.5(e), the joint agency regulations at 50 CFR part 402, Section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and the implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920, PacifiCorp hereby requests to be designated as FERC’s non-federal representative for the purposes of consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. PacifiCorp also requests authorization to initiate consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the implementing regulations at 36 CFR 800.2(c)(4)

This letter and its enclosures have been filed electronically. The security classification of each component in this packet is shown in the enclosure table. Copies of this transmittal letter have been distributed to the stakeholders listed on the attached Distribution List and those on FERC’s Service List for the North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project. If you have any questions concerning these documents, please contact Steve Albertelli, Licensing Program Manager, at steve.albertelli@pacificorp.com or (541) 776-6676.

Sincerely,

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**NORTH UMPQUA HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT (FERC PROJECT NO. 1927)
INITIAL CONSULTATION DOCUMENT
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 18 CFR § 385.2010 - Service (Rule 2010) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, I hereby certify that on the 29th day of April, 2022, I served PacifiCorp's *Filing of Initial Consultation Document for the Clearwater No. 2 Pumped Storage Project* (Transmittal Letter Only) for the North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. P-1927) by first-class mail or electronic mail, upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

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