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

**Subject: Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 308)
 Notice of intent to request an amendment to pending license application**

Dear Secretary Bose:

In consideration of the regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) for the Amendment of pending application, 18 CFR § 4.35, PacifiCorp Energy (PacifiCorp) hereby submits this notification to the Commission of the company's intent to formally request to amend a pending application for PacifiCorp's Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 308 (Project), located on the East and West Forks of the Wallowa River, and Royal Purple Creek in Wallowa County, Oregon.

In developing PacifiCorp's response to the Commission's July 24, 2014, Request for Additional Information, a significant concern was identified regarding a final license application measure to re-route the plant tailrace over to the East Fork Wallowa River. Consideration of this measure (specifically seasonal flows and air temperatures) now demonstrates an increased potential for downstream flooding in the East Fork bypassed reach in an area with nearby housing and county infrastructure. PacifiCorp discussed this issue with a number of stakeholders at a meeting on November 4, 2014.

To reduce the potential flooding associated with future license operations, but also with the consideration of environmental impacts, PacifiCorp identified an alternative tailrace route and discharge. The alternative tailrace would consist of an open excavated channel that extends farther downstream of the existing tailrace channel alignment/discharge point to an area of the West Fork Wallowa River with more-stable banks that would not be as susceptible to channel migration. A drawing of the proposed tailrace alignment is provided in Attachment A. The stakeholders at the meeting expressed support for the proposed tailrace alignment in principle but wish to further discuss and evaluate the details including the minimum instream flow release into the East Fork Wallowa River bypassed reach. PacifiCorp has scheduled additional discussions with stakeholders in early December 2014.

It is PacifiCorp's intent to file a Request to Amend a Pending Application for the Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project with the Commission no later than January 30, 2015. The request will include a description of the proposed new tailrace route and operations including costs, proposed environmental measures, environmental analysis, developmental analysis, record of stakeholder consultation, revised Exhibit G drawings, preliminary design drawings for the proposed facility, and a revised Biological Assessment for bull trout. PacifiCorp assumes the Commission will

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issue the notice that the application is ready for environmental analysis after the Request to Amend a Pending Application is filed.

This letter and its attachments have been filed electronically. The security classification of each component in this packet is shown in the Enclosure list below.

Sincerely,



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Encl: Attachment A – Proposed West Fork Tailrace Alignment - Public
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Attachment A

Drawing of the Proposed West Fork Tailrace Alignment



100 50 0 100 200 FT
SCALE: 1" = 100'

NOTES:

AERIAL MAP COURTESY OREGON STATE PARKS, CIRA 2007.
BOUNDARIES SHOWN HAVE NOT BEEN LOCATED ON THE GROUND AND ARE INTENDED ONLY TO REPRESENT AREAS OF OWNERSHIP AND/OR OCCUPATION.
EXISTING TAILRACE ALIGNMENT PROVIDED BY PACIFICORP.

WALLOWA FALLS HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT FERC PROJECT NO. 308 WEST FORK TAILRACE ALIGNMENT	
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