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**Subject: Weber Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 1744)  
Proof of Newspaper Publication for Scoping Document 1**

Dear Secretary Bose:

On September 2, 2015, PacifiCorp submitted Scoping Document 1 for the Weber Hydroelectric Project (Project), FERC Project No. 1744. This was pursuant to the August 13, 2015 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approval for the Project to follow the Alternative Licensing Process and in accordance with the required notice for the planned scoping meetings scheduled for October 6, 2015, along with a project facility visit and initial study plan meeting on October 7, 2015.

In that September 2, 2015 submittal, it was noted that publication of a public notice for Scoping Document 1 and the date and location of the scoping meetings in the Ogden Standard Examiner, a local daily newspaper, would occur no later than September 4, 2015 and be subsequently e-filed with FERC. Proof of this publication is hereby submitted.

This letter has been filed electronically. The security classification of each component in this packet is shown in the Enclosure list below. Copies have also been transmitted to those cited below. If you have any questions concerning these documents, please contact Eve Davies at 801-220-2245.

Sincerely,



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**NOTICE OF SCOPING MEETINGS AND  
SOLICITATION OF SCOPING COMMENTS FOR WEBER HYDROELECTRIC  
PROJECT RELICENSING**

On May 29, 2015 PacifiCorp, the owner and operator of the Weber Hydroelectric Project, located near the mouth of Weber Canyon, on the Weber River, Utah, approximately 9 miles southeast of Ogden, Utah, filed a Notice of Intent to seek relicensing of the Weber Project, and also submitted the required Pre-Application Document and request to use the Alternative License Process (ALP), with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). On August 13, 2015, FERC granted PacifiCorp's request to use the ALP.

Under the ALP, PacifiCorp will prepare an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment (APEA) and license application for the Weber Project, and expects to file these documents by May 31, 2018. FERC will prepare a separate and independent environmental assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

On September 2, 2015, PacifiCorp filed Scoping Document 1 (SD1), pursuant to the relicensing process for the Weber Hydroelectric Project. Based on all written comments received on SD1, a Scoping Document 2 (SD2) may be issued. SD2 will include a revised list of issues, based on the scoping sessions. The Scoping Documents and associated scoping meetings will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by FERC.

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of the opportunity to participate in the scoping process through reviewing of SD1 and attending the upcoming scoping meetings and site visit identified below, and to solicit your scoping comments. Please file comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can also submit brief comments using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-1744-039. **The deadline for filing scoping comments is November 3, 2015.**

**Scoping Meetings and Site Visit**

In collaboration with FERC, PacifiCorp will hold two scoping meetings, one in the daytime and one in the evening, to identify the scope of issues to be addressed in the APEA/EA. The daytime scoping meeting will focus on resource agency concerns, while the evening scoping meeting is primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, tribes, and agencies are invited to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist in identifying the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the APEA/EA. A site visit will also be held.

The times and locations of these meetings and site visit are as follows:

**Daytime and Evening Scoping Meetings**

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 6, 2015, 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (MDT)  
Location: Ben Lomond Suites 2510 Washington Blvd, Ogden, UT 84401  
Phone Number: (801) 627-1900

**Site Visit**

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 9:00 a.m. (MDT)  
Location: Weber Hydroelectric Project Recreation Site, Weber Canyon, UT  
Directions: From Ogden, Utah, head south on I-15. Take I-84 East towards Cheyenne. Continue east on I-84 (10 miles) to the Rest Area exit (approximately 1 mile before the Min Green/Huntsville Exit 92). At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn right/west onto the Weber Hydroelectric Project access road. The tour will start at the Weber recreation site parking lot.

Please notify Miriam Hugentobler at [miriam.hugentobler@gmail.com](mailto:miriam.hugentobler@gmail.com) by September 21, 2015 if you plan to attend the site visit.

To help focus discussions, PacifiCorp has distributed SD1, outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the APEA, to the parties on the official FERC mailing and supplemental distribution list. Copies of SD1 also will be available at the scoping meetings, and at PacifiCorp's Salt Lake City office (1407 W. North Temple, SLC, UT; contact Eve Davies at 801-220-2245 or [eve.davies@pacificorp.com](mailto:eve.davies@pacificorp.com)). PacifiCorp also filed SD1 with FERC and the document will be available for review on PacifiCorp's website at <http://www.pacificorp.com/es/hydro/hl/weber.html>, at FERC's Public Reference Room, or may be viewed on FERC's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number (P-1744) in the docket number field to access the document.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov).

All materials related to Weber relicensing will be available for download at the website noted above, or for public viewing and copying during business hours at the Salt Lake PacifiCorp address noted above, or mailed to you upon request. Please contact PacifiCorp if you are interested in further participation in the Weber relicensing process.

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