

September 2, 2015

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

To the Party Addressed:

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is currently reviewing the Pre-Application Document submitted by PacifiCorp for relicensing the Weber Hydroelectric Project (Weber Project) (FERC Project No. 1744). The Weber Project is located on the Weber River in Weber, Davis, and Morgan counties, Utah, about 9 miles southeast of the town of Ogden, Utah, and near the mouth of Weber Canyon. Portions of the Weber Project occupy lands of the Wasatch-Cache National Forest; additional lands within the project boundary are under private ownership, primarily Union Pacific Railroad.

Following the Commission's Alternative Licensing Process (ALP), PacifiCorp will prepare and submit an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment (APEA) as part of its application for a new license. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, Commission staff intends to prepare a separate and independent environmental assessment (EA), which will be used by the Commission to determine whether, and under what conditions, to issue a new license for the project. To support and assist the environmental review by PacifiCorp's and the Commission's staffs, we are beginning the public scoping process to ensure that all pertinent issues are identified and analyzed, and that the EA is thorough and balanced.

In collaboration with the Commission, we invite your participation in the scoping process, and are circulating the enclosed Scoping Document 1 (SD1) to provide you with information on the Weber Project. We are soliciting your comments and suggestions on our preliminary list of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EA. We are also requesting that you identify any additional studies that you believe would help provide a framework for collecting pertinent information on the resource areas under consideration necessary for the applicant (PacifiCorp) and the Commission to prepare the APEA/EAs for the project.

PacifiCorp, in collaboration with the Commission, will hold two scoping meetings for the Weber Project to receive input on the scope of the EA. A daytime meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, at the Ben Lomond Suites, 2510 Washington Blvd, Ogden, Utah. An evening meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, at the Ben Lomond Suites, 2510 Washington Blvd, Ogden, Utah. A tour to visit the project facilities will be provided on Wednesday, October 7, 2015, starting at 9:00 a.m.

We invite all interested agencies, Indian tribes, non-governmental organizations, and individuals to attend one or all of these meetings. Further information on the site review and scoping meetings is available in the enclosed SD1.

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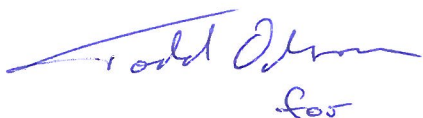
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The SD1 is being distributed to both PacifiCorp's supplemental distribution list for the licensing process and the Commission's official mailing list (see section 10 of the enclosed SD1); future mailings will only be made to the official mailing list. If you wish to be added to or removed from the Commission's official mailing list, please send your request by email to efiling@ferc.gov or by mail to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 1A, Washington, D.C. 20426. All written or emailed requests must specify your wish to be removed from or added to the mailing list and must clearly identify the following on the first page: **Weber Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 1744-039)**.

Please review the SD1 and, if you wish to provide comments, follow the instructions in section 6.0, *Request for Information and Studies*. If you have any questions about SD1, the scoping process, or how Commission staff will develop the EA for this project, please contact Claire McGrath at (202) 502-8290 or claire.mcgrath@ferc.gov. Additional information about the Commission's licensing process and the Weber Project may be obtained from the Commission's website, www.ferc.gov, or PacifiCorp's Weber Hydroelectric Project website, <http://www.pacificorp.com/es/hydro/h1/weber.html>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Sturtevant", with a small "for" written below it.

Mark Sturtevant
Managing Director, Hydro Resources

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Enclosure: Scoping Document 1

cc: Official FERC Weber Mailing List
PacifiCorp's Supplemental Weber Mailing List