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## **DATA REQUEST**

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### **Subjects:**

- Q01. Covered Conductor Implementation (follow-up questions)
- Q02. Pole Replacement Implementation
- Q03. Provide RSE Values

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- a. Provide all information in your possession, custody, or control, or the possession, custody, and/or control of your affiliates or agents, that is responsive to these data requests by the due date identified above.
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## REQUEST

### **Q01. Covered Conductor Implementation (follow-up questions)**

- a. In Data Request 002, Q02, Energy Safety requested PacifiCorp to explain, “How does PC plan to achieve its overall covered conductor target in 2022 (e.g., 112 miles in 2022)?” In response to this question, PacifiCorp provided information on its plans to contract with a Construction Management Partner early 2023. PacifiCorp also provided a graphical representation (figure 1) of the planned schedule for this work.
  - i. In figure 1, construction of the 112 circuit miles targeted for 2022 is shown to be completed between January 7, 2022, and May 26, 2022. Has this work been completed? Was this work completed by this milestone? If the work was not completed by May 26 this year, explain why it was not completed.
  - ii. If the targeted 112 circuit miles of covered conductor was not completed by May 26, 2022, will it be completed by the end of this year? If this work will not be completed by the end of this year, explain why not.

### **Q02. Pole Replacement Implementation**

- a. PacifiCorp has set the target of replacing 2,020 poles by the end of this year. Will PacifiCorp be able to accomplish this goal by the end of 2022? What is the status of this program? How many poles have been replaced to date and when will the remaining poles be replaced?

### **Q03. Provide RSE Values**

- a. During a weekly call with PacifiCorp and Energy Safety, that took place on June 1, 2022, the following information was provided, “Last year we believed our LRAM would turn into a RSE generating machine, then in late 2021/early 2022 the company pivoted on what risk modeling looks like for us. We decided to change our approach to be in line with what the other utilities were doing using the Technosylva tools... Our goal now is to bring on Technosylva, we’re working on a contract for the WRRM model.”

Provide an update on the status of your plan to acquire new modeling tools that will provide you with the ability to calculate RSE values.

- b. During this same call, PacifiCorp stated something along the lines that it “could probably provide qualitative risk reduction estimate with what we have now, but it wouldn’t be a meaningful and sustainable number (i.e., qualitative).”

Provide these risk reduction estimates for wildfire initiatives as best as possible. At a minimum, this should include covered conductor and undergrounding. If more time is

required, provide an explanation and timeline for when PacifiCorp thinks it will be able to provide such estimates.

**END OF REQUEST**