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**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR HYDROPOWER LICENSE**

Klamath Hydroelectric Project
FERC Project No. 2082-027

Oregon and California

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Office of Energy Projects
Division of Hydropower Licensing
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

September 25, 2006

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1 FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
2 WASHINGTON, DC 20426

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9 TO THE PARTY ADDRESSED:
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11 Attached is the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Klamath Hydroelectric
12 Project, located primarily on the Klamath River in Klamath County, Oregon, and Siskiyou County,
13 California, between Klamath Falls, Oregon, and Yreka, California.

14 This draft EIS documents the view of governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations,
15 affected Indian tribes, the public, the license applicant, and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
16 (Commission) staff. It contains evaluations on PacifiCorp's proposal and the alternatives for licensing the
17 Klamath Hydroelectric Project.

18 You are invited to file comments on the draft EIS. Any comments, conclusions, or
19 recommendations that draw upon studies, reports, or other working papers should be supported by
20 appropriate documentation. Your comments will be considered in the staff's preparation of the final EIS.

21 Comments should be filed with Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory
22 Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426. All comments must be filed by November
23 24, 2006 and should reference Project No. P-2082-027. Comments may be filed electronically via the
24 Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR
25 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and instructions at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the eLibrary link.

26 Before the Commission makes a licensing decision, it will take into account all concerns relevant
27 to the public interest. The draft EIS will be part of the record from which the Commission will make its
28 decision. The final EIS is expected to be issued on April 23, 2007.

29 Copies of the draft EIS are available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room,
30 Room 2A, located at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426. The draft EIS also may be viewed
31 on the Internet at www.ferc.gov under the eLibrary link. Please call (202) 502-8822 for assistance.

32 Attachment: Draft Environmental Impact Statement

COVER SHEET

a. Title:	Licensing for the continued operation of PacifiCorp's Klamath Hydroelectric Project, located principally on the Klamath River, in Klamath County, Oregon and Siskiyou County, California, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) Project No. 2082.
b. Subject:	Draft Environmental Impact Statement
c. Lead Agency:	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
d. Abstract:	On February 25, 2004, PacifiCorp filed an application with the Commission for a new license for the 161-megawatt Klamath Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2082, located principally on the Klamath River, between Klamath Falls, Oregon and Yreka, California. The existing project consists of eight developments, one of which, (Keno) has no generating facilities. Major project dams with generating facilities are Iron Gate, Copco No. 1, Copco No. 2, and J.C. Boyle dams. The existing project occupies a total of 219 acres of lands of the United States, which are administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. PacifiCorp proposes to decommission two powerhouses (East Side and West Side) and to remove Keno Dam from the project.
e. Contact:	John Mudre Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Office of Energy Projects 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20426 202-502-8902
f. Transmittal:	This draft environmental impact statement prepared by the Commission's staff on the hydroelectric license application filed by PacifiCorp for the proposed Klamath Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2082) is being made available to the public, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, on or about September 25, 2006.

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1 **FOREWORD**

2 The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission), pursuant to the Federal Power Act
3 (FPA)¹ and the U.S. Department of Energy Organization Act² is authorized to issue licenses for up to 50
4 years for the construction and operation of non-federal hydroelectric development subject to its
5 jurisdiction, on the necessary conditions:

6 That the project...shall be such as in the judgment of the Commission will be best
7 adapted to a comprehensive plan for improving or developing a waterway or waterways
8 for the use or benefit of interstate or foreign commerce, for the improvement and
9 utilization of water-power development, for the adequate protection, mitigation, and
10 enhancement of fish and wildlife (including related spawning grounds and habitat), and
11 for other beneficial public uses, including irrigation, flood control, water supply, and
12 recreational and other purposes referred to in Section 4(e)...³

13 The Commission may require such other conditions not inconsistent with the FPA as may be
14 found necessary to provide for the various public interests to be served by the project.⁴ Compliance with
15 such conditions during the licensing period is required. The Commission's Rules of Practice and
16 Procedure allow any person objecting to a licensee's compliance or noncompliance with such conditions
17 to file a complaint noting the basis for such objection for the Commission's consideration.⁵

¹16 U.S.C. §791(a)-825r, as amended by the Electric Consumers Protection Act of 1986, Public Law 99-495 (1986) and the Energy Policy Act of 1992, Public Law 102-486 (1992).

²Public Law 95-91, 91 Stat. 556 (1977).

³16 U.S.C. §803(a).

⁴16 U.S.C. §803(g).

⁵18 C.F.R. §385.206 (1987).

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