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December 10, 2012

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825 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 1500
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TA2012-003

SUBJECT: Audit of PacifiCorp's Electric Transmission Maintenance

Dear Ms. Caswell:

On behalf of the Electric Safety and Reliability Branch of the California Public Utilities Commission, Ben Brinkman of my staff conducted an audit of PacifiCorp's Electric Transmission Facilities in Del Norte County from October 8, 2012 to October 11, 2012. The audit included a review of PacifiCorp's records and field inspections of PacifiCorp's facilities.

During the audit, my staff identified violations of one or more General Orders. A copy of the audit summary itemizing the violations is enclosed. Please advise me no later than January 18, 2013, by electronic or hard copy, of all corrective measures taken by PacifiCorp to remedy and prevent such violations.

If you have any questions, you can contact Ben Brinkman at (213) 576-7063 or benjamin.brinkman@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raffy Stepanian".

Raffy Stepanian, P.E.
Program Manager
Electric Safety and Reliability Branch
Consumer Protection and Safety Division

Enclosure: Audit Summary

CC: Raymond Fugere, Program and Project Supervisor, CPUC

Audit Summary

Company: Pacificorp - Del Norte County
Electric Transmission Infrastructure Provider
Date: October 8, 2012 to October 11, 2012

Violations

1.	Structure ID / Location:	Del Norte-State Line, Circuit #85, 69 KV, Pole 2/3
	Previous Pacificorp Visit Details:	July 6, 2011 to August 30, 2011
	Date of CPUC Inspection:	October 10, 2012
Explanation of Violation(s):		
<u>Foreign Attachment</u>		
<p>GO 95, Rule 34, Foreign Attachments states, in part:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“Nothing in these rules shall be construed as permitting the unauthorized attachment, to supply, street light or communication poles or structures, of antennas, signs, posters, banners, decorations, wires, lighting fixtures, gys, ropes and any other such equipment foreign to the purposes of overhead electric line construction.”</i></p> <p>An electric fence is attached to the pole.</p>		

2.	Structure ID / Location:	Del Norte-State Line, Circuit #85, 69 KV, Pole 5/2
	Previous Pacificorp Visit Details:	July 6, 2011 to August 30, 2011
	Date of CPUC Inspection:	August 1, 2012
	Explanation of Violation(s):	
	<p data-bbox="188 520 464 554"><u>Missing Guy Guard</u></p> <p data-bbox="188 558 870 592">GO 95, Rule 56.9 “Guy Marker (Guy Guard)” states:</p> <p data-bbox="321 630 1354 772"><i>A substantial marker of suitable material, including but not limited to metal or plastic, not less than 8 feet in length, shall be securely attached to all anchor guys. Where more than one guy is attached to an anchor rod, only the outermost guy is required to have a marker.</i></p> <p data-bbox="188 814 620 848">The outer guy wire lacks a guard.</p>	

3.	Structure ID / Location:	Del Norte-Northcrest Line #86, 69 KV, Pole 14/12
	Previous Pacificorp Visit Details:	July 7, 2011 to July 14, 2011
	Date of CPUC Inspection:	October 10, 2012
Explanation of Violation(s):		
<p data-bbox="191 520 578 554"><u>Damaged High Voltage Sign</u></p> <p data-bbox="191 558 932 592">GO 95, Rule 51.6A, High Voltage Marking, states in part:</p> <p data-bbox="305 630 1344 701"><i>Poles which support line conductors of more than 750 volts shall be marked with high voltage signs.</i></p> <p data-bbox="305 739 1295 810"><i>Such signs shall be of weather and corrosion-resisting material, solid or with letters cut out therefrom and clearly legible</i></p> <p data-bbox="191 886 808 919">The pole contains an illegible high-voltage sign.</p>		

4.	Structure ID / Location:	Del Norte-Northcrest Line #86, 69 KV, Pole 13X/12
	Previous Pacificorp Visit Details:	July 7, 2011 to July 14, 2011
	Date of CPUC Inspection:	October 10, 2012
Explanation of Violation(s):		
<p data-bbox="191 1314 578 1348"><u>Damaged High Voltage Sign</u></p> <p data-bbox="191 1352 932 1386">GO 95, Rule 51.6A, High Voltage Marking, states in part:</p> <p data-bbox="305 1423 1344 1495"><i>Poles which support line conductors of more than 750 volts shall be marked with high voltage signs.</i></p> <p data-bbox="305 1533 1295 1604"><i>Such signs shall be of weather and corrosion-resisting material, solid or with letters cut out therefrom and clearly legible</i></p> <p data-bbox="191 1642 808 1675">The pole contains an illegible high-voltage sign.</p>		