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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Avista Corporation,)	
The Bonneville Power Administration,)	
Idaho Power Company,)	
The Montana Power Company,)	
Nevada Power Company,)	Docket No. RT01-35-000
PacifiCorp,)	
Portland General Electric Company,)	
Puget Sound Energy, Inc.,)	
Sierra Pacific Power Company)	

MOTION OF COASTAL MERCHANT ENERGY, L.P.
FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

Coastal Merchant Energy, L.P. ("CME"), pursuant to Section 385.214 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission"), submits herewith its motion for leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding.

In support of this motion, the following is respectfully submitted:

I.

The names, titles, and mailing addresses of the persons to whom pleadings, documents, or communications concerning this motion are to be addressed are as follows:

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II.

CME is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Coastal Corporation, with its principal place of business at 5 Greenway Plaza, Houston, Texas 77046. CME provides a full spectrum of energy services, including natural gas marketing and trading, electricity trading and sales, energy management services, structured storage and transportation-related services, structured power and management services, and energy risk management services.

III.

On October 23, 2000, Avista Corporation, the Bonneville Power Administration, Idaho Power Company, The Montana Power Company, Nevada Power Company, PacifiCorp, Portland General Electric Company, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., and Sierra Pacific Power Company (collectively, the "filing utilities") filed a "Supplemental Compliance Filing and Request for Declaratory Order Pursuant to Order 2000," under the Commission's Order 2000 and in accordance with 18 CFR 385.207(a)(2). Among other things, this filing describes the filing utilities' proposal to form a regional transmission organization (referred to as RTO West) that purportedly complies with the requirements of the Commission's Order 2000. The filing also requests an expedited declaratory order from the Commission that certain aspects of the proposal, including the proposed governance documents and the scope and configuration of RTO West, are in accordance with applicable

requirements under Order 2000. In a Notice of Filing issued October 24, 2000, the date for interventions, comments, and protests with respect to this filing was established as November 20, 2000.

IV.

CME is a national marketer of electricity and a potential purchaser of transmission capacity from RTO West. Therefore, any decision by the Commission in this proceeding will affect CME. CME has a direct interest in this proceeding which is not adequately represented by any other party in this proceeding within the meaning of Section 385.214 of the Commission's Rules. Its participation herein will be in the public interest.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, CME respectfully requests that the Commission grant its motion to intervene in this proceeding, and that it be granted party status as requested.

Respectfully submitted,
COASTAL MERCHANT ENERGY, L.P.



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Dated at Houston, Texas,
this 20th day of November, 2000

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each party designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

DATED at Washington, D.C. this 20th day of November, 2000.



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