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## Via e-Filing

April 26, 2016

Honorable Kimberly D. Bose Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20426

RE: Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company, Docket No. HC16-7-000

FERC-61, Narrative Description of the Service Company Functions

Dear Ms. Bose:

Pursuant to Section 366.23(a)(2) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's ("Commission") regulations, Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company ("BHE"), on behalf of itself; its parent, Berkshire Hathaway Inc.; and its service company subsidiaries, hereby electronically files FERC-61, Narrative Description of the Service Company Functions, for each such entity providing service company type functions to the public utility company subsidiaries of BHE during calendar year 2015.

# I. Contents of Filing

The contents of this filing are as follows:

- This transmittal letter; and
- FERC-61 for each of Bridger Coal Company, Energy West Mining Company, Interwest Mining Company, Trapper Mining, Inc., MEHC Insurance Services Ltd., MidAmerican Energy Machining Services LLC, NVE Insurance Company, Inc., Metalogic Inspection Services Inc. and Intelligent Energy Solutions, LLC for calendar year 2015.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 18 C.F.R. § 366.23(a)(2)

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# II. Communication

BHE respectfully requests that all communications regarding this filing be directed to the following individual:

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Sincerely,

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#### UNITED STATES

#### FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20426

#### FERC-61

#### NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICE COMPANY FUNCTIONS

#### FOR THE PERIOD

Beginning January 1, 2015 and Ending December 31, 2015

Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company ("BHE"), on behalf of itself; its parent, Berkshire Hathaway Inc.; and its service company subsidiaries, hereby submits this FERC-61, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 366.23(a)(2), for the year ended December 31, 2015.

# Bridger Coal Company

Bridger Coal Company is a coal mining joint venture 66.67% owned by Pacific Minerals, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of PacifiCorp, an indirect wholly owned public utility subsidiary of BHE, and 33.33% owned by Idaho Energy Resources Co., a subsidiary of Idaho Power Company, an unaffiliated entity. Bridger Coal Company was formed to supply coal to the Jim Bridger generating facility. The Jim Bridger generating facility is 66.67% owned by PacifiCorp and 33.33% owned by Idaho Power Company.

#### **Energy West Mining Company**

Energy West Mining Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of PacifiCorp that performed coal mining services in support of the Huntington, Hunter<sup>1</sup> and Carbon generating facilities owned by PacifiCorp. Energy West Mining Company ceased operations January 7, 2015.

### **Interwest Mining Company**

Interwest Mining Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of PacifiCorp that provides technical, management and administrative services to PacifiCorp, Energy West Mining Company and Bridger Coal Company.

# Trapper Mining Inc.

Trapper Mining Inc. is a cooperative in which PacifiCorp holds a 21.40% interest, the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District, an unaffiliated entity, holds a 32.10%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> PacifiCorp holds undivided interests of 93.75%, 60.31% and 100% of Hunter Units 1, 2 and 3, respectively.

interest, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc., an unaffiliated entity, holds a 26.57% interest and the Platte River Power Authority, an unaffiliated entity, holds a 19.93% interest. Trapper Mining Inc. was formed to supply coal to the Craig generating facility. The Craig generating facility is 19.28% owned by PacifiCorp.

# MEHC Insurance Services Ltd.

MEHC Insurance Services Ltd. is a wholly owned subsidiary of BHE that was formed to provide captive insurance services to PacifiCorp, including covering all or significant portions of the property damage and liability insurance deductibles in many of PacifiCorp's insurance policies, as well as overhead transmission and distribution line property damage. The policy coverage period expired on March 20, 2011 and was not renewed; however, MEHC Insurance Services Ltd. will continue to cover claims by PacifiCorp arising during the prior policy periods.

# MidAmerican Energy Machining Services LLC

MidAmerican Energy Machining Services LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of BHE. MidAmerican Energy Machining Services LLC was formed to provide mechanical repairs, metal working, welding and machining services to third parties, including MidAmerican Energy Company ("MEC"), an indirect wholly owned public utility subsidiary of BHE.

# NVE Insurance Company, Inc.

NVE Insurance Company, Inc. is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of NV Energy, Inc. ("NV Energy"), which is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of BHE. NVE Insurance Company, Inc. was formed to provide captive insurance services to Nevada Power Company and Sierra Pacific Power Company, each a wholly owned public utility subsidiary of NV Energy, including covering portions of the workers' compensation, automobile and general liability insurance deductibles in NV Energy's insurance policies, as well as medical stop loss.

# Metalogic Inspection Services Inc.

Metalogic Inspection Services Inc. is an Alberta, Canada, corporation in which BHE indirectly owns a 57% interest, each of the two principals owns directly or beneficially 20% and an unaffiliated investor owns 3%. Metalogic Inspection Services Inc. provides ultrasonic inspection and testing services with phased array on pipes, boiler tubes and pressure vessels to third parties, including MEC.

#### Intelligent Energy Solutions, LLC

Intelligent Energy Solutions, LLC was acquired in 2013 and is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of BHE. Intelligent Energy Solutions, LLC provides smart grid resource adequacy and demand response solutions to third parties, including MEC.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Effective April 1, 2016, Intelligent Energy Solutions, LLC was merged with and into MidAmerican Energy Services, LLC, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of BHE.

# Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Paul J. Leighton Vice President and Assistant General Counsel Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company

April 26, 2016