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**RE:** SCR 1: Encourage inclusion of High Road Employer and workforce standards

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My name is Ranfis Giannettino Villatoro and I am the Oregon State Coordinator with BlueGreen Alliance, a coalition of labor and environmental organizations working to address some of our most pressing environmental challenges while creating good family wage jobs.

BlueGreen Alliance finds Pump Storage as a promising technology to potentially help address curtailment from renewable energy sources and strengthen our energy resilience while reducing our greenhouse gas emissions.

In general, BGA supports technology such as pump storage with the inclusion of High Road Standards that encourages:

- Utilizes high road contractors utilizing diverse skilled and trained workforce
- Ensures operations staff is a skilled and trained workforce with access to union wages, and benefits such as healthcare and pension.
- -and-Inclusive input and buy-in from local community

We hope future resolution language includes and considers the above mentioned standards to ensure workers and local communities receive the full benefits from a needed technology to build climate resilience.

Respectfully,

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