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The Honorable Lee Beyer
The Honorable Caddy McKeown
Co-Chairs, Joint Committee on Transportation
900 Court St., NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Senate Bill 1044 - Support with -6 amendment

Dear Co-Chair Beyer, Co-Chair McKeown:

I am writing on behalf of Pacific Power in support of Senate Bill 1044 with the -6 amendments. PacifiCorp is an integrated electric utility serving 1.9 million customers in six states in the Pacific Northwest and Rocky Mountain regions. In Oregon, we serve approximately 587,000 customers.

Protecting and enhancing the environment is a core part of our business strategy, and reducing emissions from the transportation sector is a key component. The policies and milestones outlined in Senate Bill 1044, with the -6 amendment, aligns with and enhances our strategy, and supports Governor Kate Brown's Executive Order 17-21.

The policy improvement and technical changes in the -6 amendments and the original bill allow Pacific Power to expand customer options while putting transportation electrification policy in legislation. The bill also allows schools to direct the funds they already receive through the Public Purpose Charge for school bus electrification thereby reducing emissions.

Pacific Power strongly supports the adoption of electric vehicles and continues to take steps to accelerate transportation electrification across the West. Most recently, the state along with stakeholders including Pacific Power, encouraged the spread of electric vehicles by partnering with California, Washington and British Columbia to create the West Coast Electric Highway, which is a connected network of vehicle charging stations on Interstate 5.

Additionally, in 2017, Pacific Power filed initial transportation electrification pilot programs with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon, which were designed to increase awareness of electric transportation options and benefits, and to partner with our customers and communities to increase the availability of electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Now in implementation, these pilot programs have been popular with customers, but more can be done to accelerate transportation electrification. Senate Bill 1044 is a step in the right direction.

Building on the steps stakeholders in this space have been taking over the years, Senate Bill 1044, with the -6 amendments, would further state goals pertaining to transportation electrification and climate action.

We urge your support of Senate Bill 1044 with the -6 amendments.

If you should have questions, please contact me or our Oregon representatives, Shawn Miller, at Shawn@MillerPublicAffairs.com or (503) 551-7738, or Elizabeth Howe, at Elizabeth@HowePA.com or (503) 910-3270.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Annette Price". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a distinct "P".

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