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The Honorable Karin Power
Chairman, House Committee on Energy and Environment
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: House Bill 4067 – Letter of Support

Dear Chair Power,

I am writing on behalf of Pacific Power in support of House Bill 4067. Pacific Power was very engaged in the Oregon Public Utility Commission's process examining Oregon's electric utility regulatory structure called for in Senate Bill 978 (2017). That work covered a broad spectrum of issues and stakeholder views, and was instructive to our company on the need to create more opportunities for inclusion and representation in the regulatory process.

Pacific Power and Oregon's regulated electric utilities have a long history of providing service to all customers that seek it on a non-discriminatory basis. As a fully integrated service provider, we have been and will continue to be a successful model for ensuring affordable, dependable, and accountable service that leaves no person or community behind. But we can do even better to reflect the economic needs and conditions of the communities we are proud to serve.

House Bill 4067 gives the Public Utility Commission the authority to examine customer energy burdens through ratemaking measures. It also provides intervenor funding so that more parties have a voice at the utility regulation table. The bill is the product of substantial stakeholder involvement meant to ensure that traditionally underrepresented stakeholders are included in the regulatory decisions that affect our customers.

As the energy landscape continues to evolve to meet the needs of the future, it is critical that the regulatory environment also evolves to ensure affordable, dependable, and accountable service that leaves no person or community behind. House Bill 4067 will allow us to take an important step toward improving the electric sector's regulatory model.

Sincerely,

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