



May 14, 2021

Chair Nancy Nathanson
Vice Chair Khanh Pham
Vice Chair E Werner Reschke
House Revenue Committee
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB 2021A and -A46 amendment

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice Chair Pham, and Vice Chair Reschke,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 2021A and provide comments on the -A46 amendment.

Our companies are committed to helping the state reach its greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals and putting Oregon on a path towards serving our customers with 100% emissions-free electricity. We believe a carefully designed 100% clean electricity standard like HB 2021A ensures that all the decarbonization tools available to us are used in the most effective, least-cost manner to achieve these targets.

HB 2021A sets clear goals and timelines for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from customer power and leverages existing planning processes that utilities already perform to identify resources that serve our customers. The bill's technology neutral approach avoids choosing winners and losers among non-emitting technologies. This is critical as decarbonizing on the timeline that climate science requires will necessitate drawing upon all non-emitting resources, including energy efficiency and demand response measures.

We have worked with parties in the development of the -A46 amendment, which generally reflects technical fixes and implementation improvements identified since this bill was passed out of the House Energy and Environment Committee. We support the clarifications made in the -A46 amendment regarding the grant program language. We think those changes will help the fair distribution of these grants.

While the overall policy of HB 2021A sets the right path towards decarbonizing the electric sector, we remain concerned about the small-scale resource mandate as a policy and the lack of clarifying language to assist implementation of the expansion of this mandate in the -A46 amendment. It is important to acknowledge this goal was originally established for all utilities covered by the original 2007 Renewable Portfolio Standard, Senate Bill 838, and was later changed to a mandate to be borne solely by the customers of Pacific Power and Portland General Electric in 2016. We believe it would be

helpful if the legislation provides clarifying language that answers questions that have been unsettled since 2016.

A lot of work has gone into HB 2021A, and there has been significant progress in reconciling a broad diversity of interests and opinions. Our view is that this legislation strikes an appropriate balance by keeping Oregon electricity customers front and center.

Thank you for your leadership, partnership, and consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,



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