



February 23, 2023

Committee Members,

On behalf of the Northwest Energy Efficiency Council (NEEC), I am writing to express our support for the Oregon Department of Energy, and urge you to approve the budget proposed for FY 2023 – 2025 by the Department.

As a representative of the regional building efficiency and decarbonization industry, we have appreciated the stewardship of Director Janine Benner and are enthusiastic regarding the agency's strategic direction. The Department serves as the central repository of energy data, information, and analysis. We believe it is essential that Oregon maintain an adequately staffed and knowledgeable energy department who can successfully and efficiently administer the state's energy policy. The FY 2023 – 2025 budget proposed by the Oregon Department of Energy is an accurate budget that will provide the department with the essential funds needed to successfully fulfill its requirements.

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kerry Meade", is positioned above the typed name.

Kerry Meade
Executive Director,
Northwest Energy Efficiency Council