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Co-Chair Michael Dembrow  
Co-Chair Khanh Pham  
Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for Grid Resilience State Match in ODOE's Budget

Dear Co-Chair Dembrow, Co-Chair Pham, and members of the subcommittee,

Thank you for the opportunity to write in support of general fund matching dollars for federal grid resilience grants in ODOE's budget.

PGE is a fully integrated electric utility that serves over 900,000 customers with a service area population of 2 million Oregonians in six counties and 51 incorporated cities. As Oregonians, we share the urgent need to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and deliver our customers a clean energy future. As we work to reduce GHG emissions from the power served to customers to meet the requirements of HB 2021 (2021), we are laser-focused on keeping electricity reliable and affordable for all customers.

With this lens, we have been exploring all the funding opportunities to leverage federal dollars through the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), to accelerate the reliability, resiliency, and decarbonization across our system. Funds from the USDOE's Grid Resilience Formula Grant Program are designed to improve the all-hazards resilience of the electric grid with a focus on maximizing investments within communities that would be most impacted. Eligible uses of funding under the program include undergrounding electrical lines, monitoring and control technologies quickly restore the grid after disruptions, grid hardening, and more. Under this formula grant, Oregon is poised to bring in approximately \$50M in federal dollars over the next five years. A state match--\$2.79M--is needed to access grants for the next two years, and utilities like PGE are prepared to meet subgrant requirements at 100%. In total, between \$73M and \$96M will be invested in Oregon's grid resilience during the next five years through this program.

We thank the committee for approving ODOE's federal grant application and urge the inclusion of the \$2.79M GF state match in ODOE's budget to bring these dollars to Oregon and increase resilience and reliability.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sania Radcliffe".

Sania Radcliffe

Director of Government Affairs and Environmental Policy