Senator Aaron Woods, Co-Chair Representative David Gomberg, Co-Chair Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development Oregon Legislative Assembly 900 Court Street, NE Salem, OR 97301

RE: SB 5534, Oregon Public Utility Commission Budget

Dear Co-Chairs Woods and Gomberg and members of the subcommittee,

Thank you for the opportunity to write in support of the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC)'s 2023-2025 budget.

We recognize the vital role the regulatory oversight of the OPUC provides in ensuring that electricity generation and delivery throughout the state continues to be safe, reliable, affordable, and accessible to all Oregonians. We believe a well-staffed and funded agency makes more sound regulatory decisions and has the ability to keep up with the ever-evolving energy world. We believe the OPUC's budget request is reasonable and necessary to meet the ambitious policy goals established by the legislature. The policy option packages outlined in the proposed budget–especially POPs 101, 102, and 103–will help provide staff and expertise to support implementation of HB 2021 (2021 session).

Please feel free to contact me should you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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