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The Honorable Janeen Sollman, Chair
The Honorable Lynn Findley, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
State Capitol Building
900 Court Street, NE
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Chair Sollman and Vice Chair Findley:

PacifiCorp is an investor-owned utility that services two million customers in Oregon, Washington and California as Pacific Power, and in Idaho, Utah and Wyoming as Rocky Mountain Power. Our service area covers 141,500 square miles. The company owns 11,668 MW of generation, owns and operates 17,780 miles of transmission lines in 10 states and owns and operates 64,700 miles of distribution lines. We appreciate the interest from the legislature with the ever-evolving western energy market.

Our company had the opportunity to provide an update on energy markets and transmission systems in both the House Climate, Energy and Environment Committee and the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment last year. We are pleased to provide background and information to the Legislature on the complex working of the electricity system when requested.

SB 1581 requires Pacific Power and Portland General Electric to report to the Legislative Assembly on activities, including plans or preparations, the utility has taken or is taking toward participation in a regional energy market.

Pacific Power appreciates working with the committee to address the concerns we had with the reporting mandate in SB 1581. The bill, as introduced, would have required a burdensome written report, and had no sunset. The -2 amendment addresses these concerns by limiting the report to a verbal report, and adding a six-year sunset. With the -2 amendment, Pacific Power is neutral on this legislation.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on this legislation.

Sincerely,

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Cc:
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