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Oregon State Legislature
House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Regarding: Support for HB 4090

Chair Helm and Members of the Committee:

PNGC Power is a G&T serving loads in OR among other Western States. We represent a diverse set of loads dealing with regional energy and transmission and market structure issues. We are customers of Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). We also procure resources from the market and developers through market purchases and Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs). We are very active and impacted by energy, transmission, and structured market issues within the Pacific Northwest. This includes dealing with difficult transmission constraints our system is facing currently. Dealing with different power supply issues such as this one here. As well as direct advocacy with BPA on Rate Cases, workshops, and all other issues.

One of our biggest issues is getting resources developed to meet our growing loads and legislative obligations such as RPS programs. We support this bill concept to streamline permitting of renewable energy facilities on federal lands. Any means to speed up the efficiency and process to get resources to commercial operation date (COD) is a positive solution for us. This is why we support this bill concept. Transmission congestion is a huge issue we face in delivering resources to load, which is also a key constraint to decarbonization of our grid. We appreciate the State of Oregon doing its part to streamline any process that allows resources to be developed faster and in areas that help to manage the transmission and renewable energy development issues we face today.

This is a good step with federal land projects to benefit the region by streamlining an already burdensome process to get resources to COD. Thank you for working on this.

Sincerely,

PNGC Power