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Oregon State Legislature
House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment

Re: Supporting HB 2985

Dear Chair Lively and Members of the Committee,

As Oregon-based developers of clean power, we write in support of HB 2985 to reform the administrative procedures of the Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC). We believe the PUC is obligated, like all governing bodies, to issue decisions that address each issue raised before them. However, the PUC feels it may sidestep this obligation and does not owe rightful stakeholders, who have invested significant time and dollars into presenting their issues, a decision or even a statement of irrelevancy.

We believe that by removing the carve out that the PUC currently enjoys and subjecting it more fully to the Oregon Administrative Procedures Act (APA), the Legislature will direct the PUC to conduct its regulatory role as intended and fully adjudicate the matters of concern to the businesses and people of our State.

Indeed, our members have each individually experienced the frustration of raising valid issues before the PUC and being denied any recognition in the PUC's decision. It not only hurts business, but it also hurts Oregonians. From failing to ensure a competitive bidding environment to failing to ensure compliance with decarbonization laws, the PUC has denied our businesses the ability to deliver clean, least cost power to Oregonians and further imbalanced the already unequal playing field that is the utility market in Oregon.

HB 2985 provides a high impact fix to a problem consistently impacting consumers, businesses, and advocacy groups. We support meaningful change to the PUC's processes that advance accountability and equity and urge legislators to pass HB 2985.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Gina L. Franzosa
Executive Director