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The Honorable Janeen Sollman  
Chair, Senate Committee on Energy & Environment  
900 Court Street, NE  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: House Bill 3546A – Support

Chair Sollman and members of the committee:

Pacific Power is an investor-owned utility that provides safe and reliable electric service to more than 620,000 customers across Oregon, primarily in rural parts of the state. Pacific Power is part of PacifiCorp, which serves 2 million customers in six western states.

Pacific Power respectfully submits written testimony in support of House Bill 3546A.

Oregon is uniquely situated, particularly in Central and Eastern Oregon, with the opportunity to house an ever-increasing number of data centers in areas that have not historically benefited from sustained economic growth.

Over the last few years, utilities have fielded requests for extremely large new load requests requiring a significant level of transmission and generation infrastructure to support their loads. These customers with extremely large load requests, like data centers, will need additional infrastructure and Pacific Power is working with those customers to find a path forward without negatively impacting existing customers.

While the existing regulatory framework is established to protect customers and align the costs of energy infrastructure with the customers benefiting from these investments, the scale, pace and uncertainty surrounding this potential load growth requires additional regulatory updates while at the same time creating a path for large load customers to expand their businesses. At the same time, it is imperative for us to protect affordability for residential and small business customers.

Pacific Power supports HB 3546A to ensure continued economic growth opportunities these types of projects bring to the rural communities in our state.

If questions, please contact: Elizabeth Howe (503) 910-3270 or Shawn Miller (503) 551-7738.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Senate Committee on Energy & Environment Committee members