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Public Utility Commission of Oregon
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Dear Commissioners,

I am aware that you are currently considering PacifiCorp's 2017 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), particularly the proposed investment of approximately \$3.5 billion in new renewable energy resources. Respectfully, I, as the Mayor of Corvallis, request that you consider acknowledgement of this element in PacifiCorp's IRP. There is no denying that the climate is changing in dramatic and costly ways, and that the primary driver of this change is human emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases (GHG). Every year we continue to pump GHG into our atmosphere, the crisis grows, and the costs of adaptation increase. In order to prevent the most devastating possible impacts, it is critical that our society act swiftly to transition to a renewable energy future.

Our residents are experiencing the negative impacts of climate change. That is why in December 2016, the City of Corvallis adopted a Climate Action Plan (CAP) with an overall target of reducing community greenhouse gas emissions by 75 percent below 1990 levels by the year 2050. In the CAP, Corvallis committed to two action areas related to renewable energy resources: 1) Increase renewable energy standards for electric utilities and 2) Shift Corvallis municipal operations toward 100 percent renewable and/or carbon-free electricity.

Our utility partners – and the sources of energy they supply – are critical to that effort. PacifiCorp's desire to act early to secure renewable resources is commendable and supports our goals. It shows a level of responsiveness to the message they are hearing from their customers and it shows they recognize the part they must play in contributing to the fight against climate change.

We acknowledge the Public Utility Commission's role in balancing multiple interests. It is my duty as Mayor to advocate for the policy objectives of the Corvallis community. Corvallis and Oregonians want decisive action to transition to a renewable energy future. Your support of this element of PacifiCorp's IRP is a valuable contribution to that effort.

Sincerely,

Biff Traber
Mayor