

July 26, 2011

Oregon Public Utility Commission  
550 Capitol Street, NE  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Agenda Item 1 – Public Meeting July 26, 2011, Pacific Power Advice No. 11-011

Dear Commissioners Ackerman and Savage:

The Association of Oregon Counties is writing today in support of Community Renewable Energy Association's July 22, 2011 appeal for a full investigation of the request by Pacific Power in Advice No. 11-011, before you today.

The AOC has worked with CREA members, both public and private, to develop in Oregon renewable energy facilities that are community scale in size (20 mw and smaller) as part of Oregon's Renewable Portfolio Standard for electricity generation. The request before you from Pacific Power would put in place an inflexible process which could not be met by the qualifying facilities and make it nearly impossible for projects of this size to be developed and operated successfully in Oregon.

It is important that community scale projects have an effective avenue for development, and an ability to have a fair and equal contractual arrangement with Pacific Power, which serves most of rural Oregon if we are to meet the goal of the Legislature to serve at least 8% of retail electricity load from community scale projects by the year 2025.

Thank you for due consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Mike McArthur, Executive Director  
Association of Oregon Counties