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Public Utility Commission
Attn: Filing Center
550 Capitol Street NE #215
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Salem, OR 97308.

RE: (Advice No. 11-011) Revises Schedule 37, Avoided Cost Purchases from Qualifying Facilities

To The Members of the Public Utility Commission,

We are writing today in support of the Butter Creek Wind Projects. We are landlords to the Pine City Wind Farm, LLC. We regret that we are unable to attend the hearing in person today as we are in the middle of harvest.

Our family has been farming since 1895 on the original homestead and currently run a small dryland wheat operation. Because we are dryland, our production relies on optimal weather conditions. Living in eastern Oregon, we have seen many years of low rainfall which leads to low production. Low production coupled with rising cost of fuel and fertilizer, and swings in commodity prices have led to some very hard years. To continue farming and living a lifestyle that has been in our family for over a 100 years we must look to diversify. We have not had many opportunities to expand and believe that wind power is the future.

We have been working with Oregon Wind Farms and now Terna for some time to make this project a reality for us. The income generated from the wind project will allow us to continue farming by helping to offset the rising cost of running a small family-owned farm. We believe alternative energy sources will be a necessity in the future. Public utilities need to integrate these alternative power sources.

Respectively,

/s/ Brian and Peggy Doherty
/s/ William and Joan Doherty