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To Oregon Public Utility Commissioners John Savage and Susan Ackerman

I am writing you today about my concern as a Oregonian and land owner of a future of small wind project in Oregon. My specific concern is related to the following subject. (Advice No. 11-011) Revises Schedule 37, Avoided Cost Purchases from Qualifying Facilities.

I am a third generation Oregon farmer in the west end of Umatilla county and the East end of Morrow County. My Grandfather came to Oregon in 1914 from Iowa to try to build a better life for himself. My Farther and myself where both born and raise right here on this farm. My sons are now starting to operate the farm as I hand over the daily responsibility to them.

Several years ago with the help of several people in the wind industry (Oregon wind Farms and now Terna) we started studying weather we could develop a small scale (less then 10MW) wind project on our property. I pump water from the Columbia river over 30 miles and 800 feet in elevation so my farm is a large consumer of electricity. I have been working to become energy neutral and be able to provide the many different crops that I raise to the public without a carbon foot print. I have looked at several different energy sources to help me meet that goal and wind is by far the best with the lowest foot print on my farm land.

About 2 years ago I was told that we might have an investor who would be willing to build a project that would meet my energy goal. This project is named Lower Ridge Wind Farm LLC and when built out will provide up to 10 MW of green, clean and carbon free energy. The revenue that will be paid to me as the land owner and to the local county tax base is something that we in the farming and rural areas of Oregon desperately need. The prices of the crops that I grow can be all over the board and in some years are produced at a loss. This future wind income would go a long way in providing the forth generation of farmers with a much more stable income.

The staff recommendation would present a significant problem for financing the project. We as land owners of small wind projects that are currently on the books can not afford to have the rules changed mid stream. There are very few things that we rural Oregonians can do with our property that generate the kind of revenue that the wind industry land rent can provide us. We are an agricultural community and wind energy fits very nicely in our farming operations where others don't.

Please do not change the rules for small wind projects and allow us to help Oregon meet it's goal of 25% renewable energy by 2025.

Thanks for your time and service on the board.

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