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Via Electronic Mail and FedEx

Chair Susan Ackerman
Commissioner John Savage
Commissioner Stephen Bloom
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
3930 Fairview Industrial Dr SE
Salem, Oregon 97302-1166

Re: Renewable Energy Coalition Petition for Declaratory Ruling
Docket No. DR 48

Dear Commissioners:

I am the General Manager of North Unit Irrigation District in Madras, Oregon. Our District is a key component of the Deschutes River Basin's economy supplying irrigation water to nearly 60,000 acres of farmland in Jefferson County. The District has partnered and is assisting two small hydro qualifying facilities that plan to sell power to PacifiCorp; however, these projects have delayed commercial operation and as such are at risk of having their contracts terminated by PacifiCorp.

The District urges the Oregon Public Utility Commission to open a declaratory ruling proceeding, as requested by the Renewable Energy Coalition. A declaratory ruling in favor of the Renewable Energy Coalition could provide much needed certainty to these two hydro projects and allow them to be completed in a timely manner without the unnecessary threat of contract termination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Britton".

Mike Britton