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To: The Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
From: NeighborWorks Umpqua  
RE: Docket No. UM 1696  
Energy Trust of Oregon Cost Effectiveness Exception Requests for Manufactured Homes

NeighborWorks Umpqua is pleased to write in support of the Energy Trust of Oregon’s manufactured home replacement pilot. NeighborWorks Umpqua is a rural-focused housing and community development not-for-profit working in Southwestern Oregon. As a housing organization that believes in every Oregonian having an affordable, safe, stable and healthy place to call home, the pilot program was a great opportunity to partner with an important stakeholder on manufactured housing.

NeighborWorks Umpqua’s participation in the Energy Trust’s pilot allowed the organization to replace 4 units at Newton Creek Manor, our non-profit owned manufactured home park in Roseburg, Douglas County. The new units supported the organization’s stabilization efforts while providing much needed housing in the community. In addition, the new units provide savings on utilities and increase the health outcomes of the families that live in them.

NeighborWorks Umpqua looks forward to the continuation of the program and to the possibility of using the program to more deeply engage with other stakeholders in our region to maximize the pilot’s impact on the communities we serve.

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