



Klamath County Commissioners

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Oregon Public Utilities Commission
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Requesting support for a specific waiver of the net metering kilowatt limit (OAR 860-039-0010)

Dear Commissioners:

As an elected Klamath County Commissioner, I live each and every day watching the struggles in our community. We have many challenges, but also many champions. Oregon Institute of Technology, (OIT), is one of our greatest examples of our continuing possibilities even during these trying times.

Oregon Tech is known nationally for its comprehensive renewable energy program. As our own "home grown" University, I fully support their endeavor to become the only carbon free energy independent university in the entire nation.

Governor Kitzhaber has strongly expressed his desire to showcase Oregon's ability to be a leader in innovation within the renewable energy field. There is not a better place to study the renewable energy field than right here at OIT, where the classroom experience is being put to actual on the ground use. I would compare OIT to a high quality teaching hospital, where the classroom and real life application is combined.

Granting the requested waiver will allow OIT and our entire community to be part of this unique opportunity. The ability to lead the Nation in this direction is a formidable task, but achievable with your assistance. You have the ability and authority to help make this happen.

The long term benefits realized by supporting this direction in Oregon will be immeasurable. Not only will OIT and our local communities reap positive results, but our State of Oregon and the entire Nation will share in the increased ability to use our natural resources.

Please consider granting this specific waiver as a means to encourage further advancement of the technologies in the field of renewable energy.

Respectfully submitted,


Tom Mallams, Commissioner

