

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of)	
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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF)	
OREGON,)	COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY
)	ASSOCIATION'S PETITION TO
Investigation of Competitive Bidding)	INTERVENE
Guidelines Related to Senate Bill 1547)	
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Pursuant to ORS § 756.525 and OAR § 860-001-0300(2), the Community Renewable Energy Association (“CREA”) petitions the Oregon Public Utility Commission (the “Commission”) to intervene and appear with full party status. In support of this petition to intervene, CREA provides the following information:

The name and address of CREA is:

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Sanger Law, PC will represent CREA in this proceeding. All documents relating to these proceedings should be served on the following persons:

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CREA was established in 2007 and is an intergovernmental association. See ORS 190.003-190.118. CREA consists of local governments seeking to promote locally-owned renewable energy projects for all forms of renewable generation recognized in Oregon's Renewable Portfolio Standard (biomass, geothermal, hydropower, ocean thermal, solar, tidal, wave, wind and hydrogen). CREA is comprised of several Oregon counties which provide active participation through their county commissioners, including Sherman, Wasco, Gilliam, Harney, Hood River, Morrow, Polk, Union, Wheeler, Curry, and Wallowa. In addition to these counties, CREA's current membership includes the Mid-Columbia Council of Governments, Columbia Gorge Community College, and 25 irrigation districts, businesses, individuals and non-profit organizations who have interest in a viable community renewable energy sector for Oregon.

The Commission is evaluating its competitive bidding guidelines in part to ensure that they allow for diverse ownership of renewable energy sources. CREA advocates for policy improvements to support the development of small-scale renewable energy projects with diverse ownership in Oregon. Because the outcome of this proceeding will affect the ability of community renewable energy projects to participate in Oregon's renewable energy market, CREA has a direct and substantial interest in this matter. No other party can adequately represent CREA's interest in this proceeding.

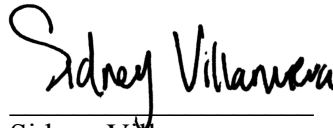
CREA has participated in numerous regulatory proceedings related to the implementation of the mandatory purchase provision of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978. CREA has also recently actively participated in proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that affect Oregon QFs. CREA's

intervention will assist the Commission in resolving the issues and will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or delay this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, CREA respectfully requests that the Commission grant its petition to intervene with full party status in this proceeding and to appear and participate in all matters as may be necessary and appropriate; and to present evidence, call and examine witnesses, cross-examine witnesses, present argument, and to otherwise fully participate in the proceedings.

Dated this 8th day of September 2016.

Respectfully submitted,



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