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Regarding Docket UM 1930 – In support of Staff Proposal

We are writing in support of the staff proposal to release the remaining capacity for the Community Solar Program (CSP), and to increase capacity for residential customers and increase subscription discounts for low-income subscribers.

We applaud the PUC for their work to engage stakeholders and improve the CSP as the next phase of developments are set to begin. While some of the utilities, especially those who have been the slowest to incorporate renewable energy in their portfolios, may find fault with the program, there is no doubt that it will accelerate the transition away from fossil fuels for energy in Oregon. This program is an ideal way for homeowners and renters to participate in the benefits of solar energy when rooftop solar may not be available to them or practicable due to the location of their property or financial impediments. The CSP is a great way to relieve energy burden from our community members who pay a disproportionately high percentage of their incomes on energy.

While HB2021 will ultimately ensure that all Oregonians enjoy the benefits of 100% clean electricity, the CSP will take steps in that direction immediately and move us to a more distributed energy system – a future that experts agree is critical to eliminate our dependence on fossil fuels.

We will always urge the PUC to adopt measures which make it easier for participants to enroll in the CSP and which make the program more visible to potential subscribers. Thank you for your work to ensure this program is successful and beneficial to all Oregonians.

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