The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm

Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy

1000 Independence Avenue, SW

Washington, DC 20585

**Re: Letter of Support for PacifiCorp Application to DE-FOA-0002740 (Topic Area 1)**

Dear Secretary Granholm,

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors is writing to express support for PacifiCorp’s Equity-aware Enhancement of grid Resiliency (PEER) project and their grant application for funding through the U.S. Department of Energy Grid Resilience & Innovation Partnership (GRIP) program. PacifiCorp’s engagement with Siskiyou County is longstanding; they recognize our community’s concerns about the increasing risk and devastating impact of wildfire on our region, our businesses, and our families. We expect PEER to reduce wildfire risk in our county.

Siskiyou County is rural and heavily forested—as such, it is more vulnerable to wildfire, power outages, and planned public safety power shutoffs than urban settings. Our community also has a high percentage of lower-income citizens who cannot afford back-up power options. As part of this project, we will nominate County representatives to be active members of the community advisory group (Regional Coordination Unit or RCU) established by PacifiCorp as part of PEER. The RCU will track project progress, engage in dialogue, and provide feedback on project implementation to maximize positive impacts for our residents. In addition, we support raising local awareness about pre-apprentice and other training programs being implemented through Project PEER. These efforts will ensure that our residents can play an increasingly active part in the implementation of energy projects, leading to heightened economic activity in our region.

County Administration looks forward to working with PacifiCorp in engaging with our residents, explaining the benefits of the project, and proactively addressing any concerns.

This letter was approved by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors on April 4, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Sincerely,

Ed Valenzuela, Chair

Board of Supervisors