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March 1, 2023

The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Re: Letter of Commitment for PacifiCorp Application to DE-FOA-0002740 (Topic Area 40101)

Dear Secretary Granholm,

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 659 strongly supports PacifiCorp's Equity-aware Enhancement of Grid Resiliency (PEER) project and their grant application for funding through the Department of Energy Grid Resilience & Innovation Partnership (GRIP) program. IBEW Local 659 understands that the PEER project presents a great opportunity to make critical energy infrastructure more fire resilient. In recent years, wildland fires caused by climate change, natural and human-made conditions in Oregon and California have burned millions of acres, blanketing the region in smoke, impacting communities like Glide and Santiam Canyon in Oregon and Happy Camp, California (Karuk Tribe) to name a few. The ongoing wildfire risks are particularly damaging to small towns and disadvantaged communities. In addition to protecting vulnerable citizens from devastating effect of fire, this project's electric infrastructure work creates good-paying jobs for our workforce in Oregon and California and is an excellent opportunity for IBEW to expand our membership.

IBEW has worked with PacifiCorp for many years, serving as a labor partner based on our collective bargaining agreements. We are encouraged by PacifiCorp's commitment to leverage a unionized workforce throughout this project and their investment in training programs to ensure development of relevant skills in the future workforce. With project PEER, we are also committed to accelerating our "Stronger Together" pre-apprenticeship skilling program, enhancing diversity, inclusion, and equity objectives in our recruiting, and investing directly in disadvantaged communities.

Project PEER offers a transformational opportunity — a synthesis of critical infrastructure resiliency projects with investments in equitable and inclusive development of the American workforce. IBEW Local 659 looks forward to participating in this program and successfully implementing the PEER project.

Sincerely,

Jon Flegel
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March 29, 2023

The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Re: Letter of Commitment for PacifiCorp Application to DE-FOA-0002740 (Topic Area 40101)

Dear Secretary Granholm,

We are writing to express our support for PacifiCorp's Equity-aware Enhancement of Grid Resiliency (PEER) project and their grant application for funding through the Department of Energy Grid Resilience & Innovation Partnership (GRIP) program.

The PEER project will make substantial improvements to the distribution infrastructure serving the Yurok Tribe, to address the impacts of frequent flooding, wildfire risk and electric reliability. The project will focus on addressing the frequent flooding of the substation by elevating it by 10-15 feet off the ground. To reduce wildfire risks and increase reliability, the project plans on installing overhead covered conductors and installing new protection and control equipment.

In addition, the Yurok Tribe is in advanced discussions with PacifiCorp for co-development of several initiatives with respect to enhancing energy efficiency and lowering our energy costs, improving resilience to extreme weather events, and offer skilling and pre-apprenticeship programs to our youth for participation in the energy industry workforce.

PacifiCorp and the Yurok Tribe expect to formalize our commitments in a partnership agreement within the next six to twelve months.

We support PacifiCorp's application to seek federal grants from the Department of Energy as this project will provide urgent reliability and resiliency benefits for the Yurok Tribe members. We commit to working closely with PacifiCorp to ensure successful implementation of Project PEER, and joint development of other initiatives for energy efficiency, resilience, and training for our tribal members.

Sincerely,

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February 13, 2023

The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Re: Letter of Commitment for PacifiCorp Application to DE-FOA-0002740 (Topic Area 40101)

Dear Secretary Granholm,

With shared goals to expand and inspire a more diverse, equitable and inclusive workforce, Berkshire Hathaway Energy (BHE) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) developed the *BHE-IBEW: Stronger Together* partnership to attract, engage, retain and inspire a diverse and inclusive workforce where individuals are recognized, valued and empowered to fully participate in and contribute to BHE and IBEW's success. Through the partnership, BHE and IBEW will expand outreach to workers from nontraditional and historically marginalized communities, adopt and partner with existing programs / local chapters to promote industry inclusion, and implement solutions to reach their shared goals.

To meet their shared vision, BHE and IBEW engaged the Center for Energy Workforce Development (CEWD). Currently, CEWD and PacifiCorp, a BHE subsidiary, are developing relationships with organizations working with adults from nontraditional and historically marginalized communities, specifically: people with disabilities; women; people identifying as members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or other nonbinary populations; racially or ethnically diverse individuals; and veterans.

CEWD supports PacifiCorp's Equity-aware Enhancement of Grid Resiliency (PEER) project and their grant application for funding through the Department of Energy's Grid Resilience & Innovation Partnership (GRIP) program. Federal funds will accelerate PacifiCorp and CEWD's support of nontraditional and historically marginalized adults expressing interest in skilled trade energy careers through guidance, mentoring, and pre-employment test preparation support. If awarded GRIP program funds for the PEER project, CEWD will support PacifiCorp by:

- Developing relationships with local organizations working with adults from nontraditional and historically marginalized communities
- Organizing workshops to familiarize individuals about select skilled trade positions in energy
- Connecting program participants with BHE and IBEW to continue learning about career opportunities
- Tracking and sharing *BHE-IBEW: Stronger Together* partnership impacts and results

As a strategic partner in PacifiCorp's efforts to invest in career opportunities for diverse individuals, CEWD is committed to accelerating energy industry career pathway education efforts. We urge your support for PacifiCorp's request, and we look forward to the success of this project.

Sincerely,

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
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1970 - 2020

February 1, 2023

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Dear Secretary Granholm,

I am writing to express my support for PacifiCorp's Equity-aware Enhancement of Grid Resiliency (PEER) project and their grant application for funding through the Department of Energy's Grid Resilience & Innovation Partnership (GRIP) program. The PEER project would be implemented in multiple locations, including Josephine County in Southern Oregon. As someone who works directly with many disadvantaged communities in the region, this work is critical to protecting vulnerable Oregonians facing increasing economic and environmental threats.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Rogue Valley (BGCRV) has been heavily impacted by the rapid increase in area wildfires as a community wildfire shelter, and we have been engaging with PacifiCorp to develop potential solutions. Under project PEER, PacifiCorp will evaluate the techno-economic feasibility of augmented resiliency solutions – such as combined battery storage and renewable generation for our Josephine County locations. We expect these projects to significantly enhance energy resiliency and decrease energy costs for our organization, which predominantly serves young people in disadvantaged communities.

As longtime partners of BGCRV in Southern Oregon, PacifiCorp understands the unique challenges faced by Oregonians in the Rogue Valley. Over the years, PacifiCorp has supported BGCRV's goal to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. BGCRV will support PacifiCorp in the implementation of project PEER and will work together to quantify the transformational community benefits of these resiliency solutions. We urge your support for PacifiCorp's request and look forward to the success of this project.

Sincerely,

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March 13, 2023

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Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
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Re: Letter of Commitment for PacifiCorp Application to DE-FOA-0002740 (Topic Area 40101)

Dear Secretary Granholm,

We understand that PacifiCorp is seeking funding through the Department of Energy's Grid Resilience & Innovation Partnership (GRIP) program for Resiliency Enhancement for PacifiCorp's Equity-aware Enhancement of Grid Resiliency (PEER) project. The PEER project would be implemented in multiple locations, including Northern California, which creates a tremendous economic and workforce development opportunity for the College of the Siskiyous, especially our campuses in Weed and Yreka.

The College of the Siskiyous (COS) serves the economic, educational, lifelong learning, and workforce needs of Siskiyou County and several other neighboring communities. We engage with PacifiCorp on a regular basis and have partnered successfully in the past. The GRIP federal funds for the PEER project will enable an expansion of the PacifiCorp-COS partnership to enhance our workforce training programs, upskill a larger number of individuals, and improve community energy resilience. We are discussing several initiatives with PacifiCorp, which include:

- Enhancement to existing firefighter academy programs
- Exploration of energy storage solutions at our main campus
- Development of new forestry management programs

COS and PacifiCorp will formalize our partnership with an agreement in the coming months. As a strategic partner in PacifiCorp's efforts to develop a local skilled workforce, COS is committed to accelerating career education and skill development programming. We urge your support for PacifiCorp's request, and we look forward to the success of this project.

Sincerely,

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March 28, 2023

The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
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1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Re: Letter of Commitment for PacifiCorp Application to DE-FOA-0002740 (Topic Area 1)

Dear Secretary Granholm,

On behalf of Del Norte County, California, I am writing to confirm our 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.

Fire has been a significant part of our county history. There were 233 wildfires recorded in Del Norte between 1909 and 2016. Of those, 35 burned more than 100 acres. Del Norte 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. Our multifaceted commitment to PEER derives from our commitment to our citizens, and to PEER's significant potential to reduce wildfire risk and related outages. As part of this project, we will nominate county representatives to be active members of the community advisory group (Regional Coordination Unit or RCU) being established by PacifiCorp. 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 commit to raising local awareness about pre-apprentice and other training programs being implemented through Project PEER. This 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 will work with PacifiCorp in engaging with our residents, explaining the benefits of the project, and proactively addressing any concerns.

Sincerely,

Darrin Short, Chair
Board of Supervisors
Del Norte County, California

Oregon TECH
Oregon Institute of Technology

March 27, 2023

The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Re: Letter of Commitment for PacifiCorp Application to DE-FOA-0002740 (Topic Area 40101)

Dear Secretary Granholm,

We are writing to express our support for PacifiCorp's Equity-aware Enhancement of Grid Resiliency (PEER) project and their grant application for funding through the Department of Energy's Grid Resilience & Innovation Partnership (GRIP) program. The PEER project would be implemented in multiple locations, including southern Oregon where Oregon Institute of Technology has its Klamath Falls campus. PacifiCorp's planned investments for upgrading the energy infrastructure in our region require a concomitant investment in local workforce development.

Oregon Institute of Technology (Oregon Tech) is Oregon' Polytechnic University. Located in Klamath Falls in southern Oregon, the institution provides engineering, engineering technology and applied sciences education, and professional opportunities through internships, externships, and field experiences. Oregon Tech and PacifiCorp have worked together over the years on energy workforce development programs. The GRIP federal funds for the PEER will enable an expansion of the PacifiCorp-Oregon Tech partnership to enhance existing programs and upskill a larger number of individuals, while providing meaningful employment opportunities for Oregon Tech students in our area—most of whom come from disadvantaged communities.

Oregon Tech and PacifiCorp will formalize their partnership with an agreement in the coming months. As a strategic partner in PacifiCorp's efforts to develop a local skilled workforce, Oregon Tech is committed to accelerating career education and skill development programming. We urge your support for PacifiCorp's request, and we look forward to the success of this project.

Sincerely,

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March 2, 2023

The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
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Washington, DC 20585

Re: Letter of Commitment for PacifiCorp Application to DE-FOA-0002740 (Topic Area 40101)

Dear Secretary Granholm:

I am writing to express my support for PacifiCorp's Equity-aware Enhancement of Grid Resiliency (PEER) project and their grant application for funding through the Department of Energy's Grid Resilience & Innovation Partnership (GRIP) program. The PEER project would be implemented in multiple locations, including Josephine and Jackson Counties in Southern Oregon. With many disadvantaged communities in the region, this work is critical to protecting vulnerable Oregonians facing increasing economic and environmental threats.

Rogue Community College (RCC) and our student population have been particularly impacted by the rapid increase in area wildfires, and we have been engaging with PacifiCorp to develop potential solutions. Under project PEER, PacifiCorp will evaluate the techno-economic feasibility of augmented resiliency solutions – such as combined battery storage and renewable generation for our Southern Oregon campuses. We expect these projects to significantly enhance energy resiliency and decrease energy costs for our organization, which predominantly serves students from disadvantaged communities.

As longtime partners of RCC in Southern Oregon, PacifiCorp understands the unique challenges faced by Oregonians in the Rogue Valley. Over the years, PacifiCorp has supported RCC's goals to provide exemplary educational opportunities for student success and economic development. RCC will support PacifiCorp in the implementation of project PEER and will work together to quantify the transformational community benefits of these resiliency solutions. We urge your support for PacifiCorp's request and look forward to the success of this project.

Sincerely,

Randy Weber

Randy Weber, Ed.D.
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