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Oregon State Legislature  
Natural Resources Sub-Committee  
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RE: Oregon Department of Energy's proposed 2013-2015 Budget

Dear Co-Chairs Edwards and Unger;

I am writing in support of the Oregon Department of Energy's proposed 2013-2015 budget. I am the President of Rough & Ready Lumber, a small family-owned lumber manufacturing business located near Cave Junction in the heart of the Illinois Valley. I am pleased to say that we are celebrating our 91<sup>st</sup> year in business. We operate 2 sawmills and a cogeneration plant, employ 85 people, and own and manage timberlands in Josephine, Jackson and southern Douglas County. We cut Ponderosa pine, Sugar pine and Douglas Fir logs with a focus on lumber products dried in dry kilns heated by wood fired steam. I am also co-chair of Oregon's Forest Biomass Working Group

To help address the need to improve the health of our forests, provide alternatives to fossil fuels, and become more energy independent Rough and Ready made an investment in a 1.5 MW cogeneration plant at our Mill. Oregon Department of Energy has been a strong partner in developing our project and advancing the overall bioenergy industry. They have assisted us through technical assistance, and assisting with the financing necessary to build this project.

This investment helps to create jobs, strengthens our mill infrastructure and provides environmental benefits in our community, and creates a new market critical to forest stewardship and wildfire risk reduction. It would not have been possible without the support from Oregon Department of Energy.

ODOE has been a critical partner for Rough and Ready and the entire biomass industry. I look forward to working with ODOE staff on future efforts. I urge you to support ODOE's budget request for this next biennium.

Thank you and please contact me if you have any questions.

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President, Rough & Ready Lumber