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The Honorable Tobias Read  
Oregon House Transportation and Economic Development Committee  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Read:

I am writing on behalf of PacifiCorp to express support for House Bills 2284 and 2285.

As you know, PacifiCorp is an integrated electric utility serving 1.7 million customers in six states in the Pacific Northwest and Rocky Mountain regions. In Oregon, the company serves approximately 555,000 customers as Pacific Power. We are committed to working closely with our customers to support economic development opportunities and ensure our communities are vibrant places to live and work.

House Bills 2284 and 2285 would establish the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Program to support the development of state and regionally significant industrial sites. House Bill 2284 would enable local government and private property owners to underwrite a portion of the costs related to site preparation, among other things. House Bill 2285 would provide a pool of grants to conduct assessments to bring industrial sites to market-ready status. This bill will have benefits for our customers in a number of ways, one of which is the potential to provide funding for electrical site studies that will vastly improve the appeal of a particular industrial site. Industrial sites that have conducted these studies prior to establishing a business in the site are highly attractive and will spur economic activity in our communities.

We urge your support for House Bills 2284 and 2285. Thank you for your consideration. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott D. Bolton".

Scott D. Bolton

cc: Representative Cliff Bentz, Vice-Chair; Representative Chris Gorsek, Vice-Chair; Representative Kevin Cameron; Representative John Davis; Representative Margaret Doherty; Representative John Lively; Representative Caddy McKeown; Representative Nancy Nathanson; Representative Julie Parrish