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The Honorable Lee Beyer  
Oregon Senate Committee on Business and Transportation  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Beyer:

I am writing on behalf of PacifiCorp to express support for Senate Bills 246 and 253.

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.

Senate Bills 253 and 246 would establish the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Program to support the development of state and regionally significant industrial sites. Senate Bill 246 would enable local government and private property owners to underwrite a portion of the costs related to site preparation, among other things. Senate Bill 253 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 Senate Bills 246 and 253. 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: Vice-Chair Senator Bruce Starr; Senator Chuck Thomsen; Senator Chris Edwards; Senator Fred Girod; Senator Rod Monroe