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The Honorable Tim Knopp
Oregon State Senate
State Capitol, S-309
Salem, Oregon 97301

The Honorable Chris Edwards
Oregon State Senate
State Capitol, S-411
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Senate Bill 752 (Knopp/Edwards) – SUPPORT

Dear Senators Knopp and Edwards:

I am writing on behalf of PacifiCorp to express support for Senate Bill 752 (Knopp/Edwards).

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 over 560,000 customers in mostly rural communities as Pacific Power.

SB 752 would exempt certain biomass combustion or decomposition from some regulations under the air pollution laws. This proposal will restore Oregon's previous biomass carbon neutrality policy. Pacific Power supports biomass as an energy source and advocated for its inclusion as an eligible resource to the state's renewable energy standard in 2010. Our rural community partners have a sustainable supply of biomass from our forest products industry that helps support the local economy while generating a renewable power resource. The sustainable management of byproducts from our forest management practices is important to the economy and helps reduce Oregon's risk for environmental hazards such as wildfires. For these reasons, we support SB 752.

Thank you for your consideration. If you should have questions, please contact me or our Salem representatives, Shawn Miller shawnm@wvi.com at or Elizabeth Howe at elizabeth@howePA.com.

Sincerely,

Annette Price