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The Honorable James Manning Jr. and David Gomberg Co-Chairmen, Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development 900 Court St., NE Salem, OR 97301

RE: Senate Bill 68 - Support

Dear Senator Manning and Representative Gomberg,

I am writing on behalf of Pacific Power in support of Senate Bill 68 as introduced.

PacifiCorp is an integrated electric utility serving 1.9 million customers in six states in the Pacific Northwest and Rocky Mountain regions. In Oregon, we operate as Pacific Power and serve approximately 587,000 customers.

Pacific Power supports the increase in the annual fee imposed on public utilities, outlined in Senate Bill 68, which guarantees a fee of no less than ten dollars but no more than forty-five hundredths of one percent of the utility's gross operating revenues derived in this state in the preceding calendar year.

The fee increase in Senate Bill 68 will further help to defray the costs of the Public Utility Commission. This will ensure the Commission can execute the research, analysis and technical support that guarantees regulated companies – like Pacific Power – provide safe, reliable and high-quality service at reasonable rates.

The fee as outlined in Senate Bill 68 ensures the Commission will be able to continue their integral work, while allowing us to meet our goal of keeping customer rates and bills low.

If you should have questions, please contact me or our Oregon representatives: Shawn Miller, at Shawn@MillerPublicAffairs.com or (503) 551-7738 Elizabeth Howe, at Elizabeth@HowePA.com or (503) 910-3270

Sincerely,

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