



Tuesday, February 4, 2020

The Honorable Karin Power
Chair of the House Committee on Energy and Environment
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Salem, OR 97301

Chair Power and Members of the Committee,

AWEC is a non-profit organization comprised of the largest, most innovative and trusted employers in the West. AWEC provides a strong advocacy voice in shaping the dynamics of energy markets and regulatory policy in Idaho, Oregon and Washington. AWEC was formed April 1, 2018, through joining the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities and the Northwest Industrial Gas Users groups into a single entity.

AWEC members provide tens of thousands of highly paid technical jobs. AWEC has a large and diversified base of members that represent industries such as agriculture, aeronautics, air products, pulp and paper, food processing, information technology, healthcare, and more.

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- AWEC supports methods to encourage transportation electrification of our system over time. This transition should allow for competition amongst industry leaders in transportation electrification to provide consumer choice and cost-effective mechanisms to upgrade our transportation system.
- AWEC has concerns that legislation around transportation electrification does not provide sideboards or caps to protect ratepayers from having the costs of the development of a new transportation infrastructure passed onto ratepayers.
- AWEC would support and request an amendment that clarifies that, "the amount recoverable from customers for prudent investments in infrastructure measures approved by the commission shall not exceed .25% of an electric company's or natural gas utilities revenue requirements on an annual basis."
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