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To: House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water

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Position: **SUPPORT OF HB 4090**

Dear Esteemed Members of the Committee:

Enel Green Power North America (Enel) is writing in **SUPPORT OF HB 4090**.

Enel is an integrated energy company and is active in the development of renewable energy and battery energy storage projects in Oregon. Enel has 9.8 GW of renewable energy projects across North America. Permitting and siting renewable energy projects requires that Enel be adept at working with the relevant permitting agencies to meet the criteria for building a successful project in every jurisdiction. Siting and permitting require a great deal of advance planning and preparation. It is a costly and time-consuming aspect of renewable energy development.

Noting Oregon's clean energy goals, as well as goals set by the federal government for permitting of projects on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands, Enel supports HB 4090. Limiting the jurisdiction for permitting projects that are located wholly within federal property to the relevant federal agency makes sense for several reasons. Having multiple jurisdictions with permitting authority over a project creates uncertainty and risk, could result in conflicting decisions, adds significant costs to these projects, and slows down the permitting process.

Of course, Enel respects existing laws and processes, and under the status quo, has been in constructive active engagement with the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) and BLM to try to marry these two permitting processes as efficiently as possible for our projects. We will continue to pursue this goal, but given slow progress, find that clarifying jurisdiction in Oregon law would produce better results for Oregon's clean energy goals and ratepayers.

Enel works very closely with the permitting agencies, local community, environmental community, and all impacted entities as relates to the development of our projects. We work toward win-win solutions. In this instance, we think this bill achieves the appropriate outcome that still protects the environment and communities, while promoting clean energy development.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

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