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Dear Chair Lively and CEE Committee members. Thank you for reading my testimony.

Big corporations are siphoning off electricity from average Oregonians and making us pay for it by creating the need for more electricity infrastructure. Now, with the layoffs at the BPA, we can expect more of a burden on "keeping the lights on" and reducing costs to consumers. This is a social justice issue when the large utilities are disconnecting so many households and rates keep increasing!

Data centers are adding millions of dollars each year in energy costs. When our utilities need to provide more energy, they have to invest money in meeting customer needs.

? As we have seen the demand for energy rising from data centers, we have also seen prices skyrocket for household utility bills.

? Oregon households are hitting their limit with utility costs, as evidenced by our two largest electric utilities disconnecting a record-breaking nearly 58,000 households last year.

Please support the POWER Act - HB 3546 and hold large energy users accountable for paying for their own energy needs.

Thank you.