



The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

IBEW Local 57

IBEW Local 77

IBEW Local 125

IBEW Local 659

March 3, 2023

The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Re: Letter of Commitment for PacifiCorp Application to DE-FOA-0002740 (Topic Area 40107)

Dear Secretary Granholm,

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Locals 57, 77, 125, and 659 strongly support PacifiCorp's Resiliency Enhancement for Fire Mitigation and Operational Risk Management (REFORM) project and their grant application for funding through the Department of Energy Grid Resilience & Innovation Partnership (GRIP) program. IBEW understands that PacifiCorp's REFORM project will improve grid resilience by enhancing wildfire detection and forecasting abilities and will also improve electric distribution system reliability. In recent years, wildland fires caused by climate change, natural and human-made conditions in the West have burned millions of acres, blanketing the region in smoke, impacting communities like Glide and Santiam Canyon in Oregon and Happy Camp, California (Karuk Tribe) to name a few. The ongoing wildfire risks are particularly damaging to small towns and disadvantaged communities. In addition to protecting vulnerable citizens from devastating effect of fire, this project's electric infrastructure work will create additional good-paying jobs and is an excellent opportunity for IBEW to expand our membership.

IBEW has worked with PacifiCorp for many years, serving as a labor partner based on our collective bargaining agreements. We are encouraged by PacifiCorp's commitment to leverage a unionized workforce throughout this project and their investment in training programs to ensure development of relevant skills in the future workforce. With Project REFORM, we are also committed to accelerating our "Stronger Together" pre-apprenticeship skilling program, enhancing diversity, inclusion, and equity objectives in our recruiting, and investing directly in disadvantaged communities.

Project REFORM offers a transformational opportunity — a synthesis of critical infrastructure resiliency projects with investments in equitable and inclusive development of the American workforce. IBEW looks forward to participating in this program and is committed to successfully implementing the REFORM project.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rex Habner".

Rex Habner
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February 13, 2023

The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Re: Letter of Commitment for PacifiCorp Application to DE-FOA-0002740 (Topic Area 40107)

Dear Secretary Granholm,

With shared goals to expand and inspire a more diverse, equitable and inclusive workforce, Berkshire Hathaway Energy (BHE) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) developed the *BHE-IBEW: Stronger Together* partnership to attract, engage, retain and inspire a diverse and inclusive workforce where individuals are recognized, valued and empowered to fully participate in and contribute to BHE and IBEW success. Through the partnership, BHE and IBEW will expand outreach to workers from nontraditional and historically marginalized communities, adopt and partner with existing programs/local chapters to promote industry inclusion, and implement solutions to reach their shared goals.

To meet their shared vision, BHE and IBEW engaged the Center for Energy Workforce Development (CEWD). Currently, CEWD and PacifiCorp, a BHE subsidiary, are developing relationships with organizations working with adults from nontraditional and historically marginalized communities, specifically: people with disabilities; women; people identifying as members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or other nonbinary populations; racially or ethnically diverse individuals; and veterans.

CEWD supports PacifiCorp's Resiliency Enhancement for Fire mitigation and Operational Risk Management (REFORM) project and their grant application for funding through the Department of Energy's Grid Resilience & Innovation Partnership (GRIP) program. Federal funds will accelerate PacifiCorp and CEWD's support of nontraditional and historically marginalized adults expressing interest in skilled trade energy careers through guidance, mentoring and pre-employment test preparation support. If awarded GRIP program funds for the REFORM project, CEWD will support PacifiCorp by:

- Developing relationships with local organizations working with adults from nontraditional and historically marginalized communities
- Organizing workshops to familiarize individuals about select skilled trade positions in energy
- Connecting program participants with BHE and IBEW to continue learning about career opportunities
- Tracking and sharing *BHE-IBEW: Stronger Together* partnership impacts and results

As a strategic partner in PacifiCorp's efforts to invest in career opportunities for diverse individuals, CEWD is committed to accelerating energy industry career pathway education efforts. We urge your support for PacifiCorp's request, and we look forward to the success of this project.

Sincerely,



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February 1, 2023

The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Granholm,

I am writing to express my support for PacifiCorp's Resiliency Enhancement for Fire mitigation and Operational Risk Management (REFORM) project and their grant application for funding through the Department of Energy's Grid Resilience & Innovation Partnership (GRIP) program. The REFORM project would be implemented in multiple locations, including Josephine County in Southern Oregon. With many disadvantaged communities in the region, this work is critical to protecting vulnerable Oregonians facing increasing economic and environmental threats.

The Boys and Girls Club of Rogue Valley (BGCRV) has been particularly impacted by the rapid increase in area wildfires as a community wildfire shelter, and we have been engaging with PacifiCorp to develop potential solutions. Under project REFORM, PacifiCorp will evaluate the techno-economic feasibility of augmented resiliency solutions – such as combined battery storage and renewable generation for our Josephine County locations. We expect these projects to significantly enhance energy resiliency and decrease energy costs for our organization, which predominantly serves young people in disadvantaged communities.

As longtime partners of BGCRV in Southern Oregon, PacifiCorp understands the unique challenges faced by Oregonians in the Rogue Valley. Over the years, PacifiCorp has supported BGCRV's goal to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. BGCRV will support PacifiCorp in the implementation of project REFORM and will work together to quantify the transformational community benefits of these resiliency solutions. We urge your support for PacifiCorp's request and look forward to the success of this project.

Sincerely,

Greg Roe
Executive Director
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Rogue Valley

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March 6, 2023

The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Re: Letter of Commitment for PacifiCorp Application to DE-FOA-0002740 (Topic Area 40107)

Dear Secretary Granholm,

We understand that PacifiCorp is seeking funding through the Department of Energy's Grid Resilience & Innovation Partnership (GRIP) program for Resiliency Enhancement for Fire mitigation and Operational Risk Management (REFORM) project. The REFORM project would be implemented in multiple locations, including Northern California, which creates a tremendous economic and workforce development opportunity for the College of the Siskiyous, especially our campuses in Weed and Yreka.

The College of the Siskiyous (COS) serves the economic, educational, lifelong learning, and workforce needs of Siskiyou County and several other neighboring communities. We engage with PacifiCorp on a regular basis and have partnered successfully in the past. The GRIP federal funds for the REFORM project will enable an expansion of the PacifiCorp-COS partnership to enhance our workforce training programs, upskill a larger number of individuals, and improve community energy resilience. We are discussing several initiatives with PacifiCorp, which include:

- Enhancement to existing firefighter academy programs
- Exploration of energy storage solutions at our main campus
- Development of new forestry management programs

COS and PacifiCorp will formalize our partnership with an agreement in the coming months. As a strategic partner in PacifiCorp's efforts to develop a local skilled workforce, COS is committed to accelerating career education and skill development programming. We urge your support for PacifiCorp's request, and we look forward to the success of this project.

Sincerely,

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27 February 2023

The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

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Dear Secretary Granholm,

We are writing to express our support for PacifiCorp's Resiliency Enhancement for Fire mitigation and Operational Risk Management (REFORM) project and their grant application for funding through the Department of Energy's Grid Resilience & Innovation Partnership (GRIP) program.

Davis Technical College is a trusted learning community embracing technical education to promote student development and economic growth. Davis Tech has been an integral part of the community for more than forty years and is a critical component of the education framework in Utah. Our unique training style, open enrollment, supportive staff, and our scholarship assistance make it possible for anyone to achieve their dream of higher education and economic success. Davis Tech and PacifiCorp have worked together for over 9 years, with PacifiCorp providing scholarship funds for students within our Construction and Manufacturing programs.

The GRIP federal funds for the REFORM project will enable an expansion of the PacifiCorp-Davis Tech partnership so that we can upskill a larger number of individuals and provide enhanced workforce training within PacifiCorp's service areas. As a strategic partner in PacifiCorp's efforts to develop a local skilled workforce, Davis Tech is committed to enhancing our programming to help fulfill industry needs. We urge your support for PacifiCorp's request, and we look forward to the success of this project.

Sincerely,



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March 13, 2023

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The Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME) is committed to promoting and developing entrepreneurship and economic development for ethnic minorities, while working to reduce discrimination and racism. OAME and PacifiCorp have worked together over the years to support diverse business enterprises (DBEs) and minority entrepreneurs. The GRIP federal funds for the REFORM project will enable an expansion of the PacifiCorp-OAME partnership to enhance existing programs and support a larger number of DBEs.

OAME and PacifiCorp will formalize our partnership with an agreement in the coming months. As a strategic partner in PacifiCorp's efforts to support DBEs and develop a more diverse and inclusive supply chain, and workforce we urge your support for PacifiCorp's request, and we look forward to the success of this project.

Sincerely,

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March 8, 2023

The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
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Oregon Institute of Technology (Oregon Tech) is Oregon's Polytechnic University. Located in Klamath Falls in southern Oregon, the institution provides engineering, engineering technology and applied sciences education, and professional opportunities through internships, externships, and field experiences. Oregon Tech and PacifiCorp have worked together over the years on energy workforce development programs. The GRIP federal funds for the REFORM project will enable an expansion of the PacifiCorp-Oregon Tech partnership to enhance existing programs and upskill a larger number of individuals, while providing meaningful employment opportunities for Oregon Tech students in our area—most of whom come from disadvantaged communities.

Oregon Tech and PacifiCorp will formalize its partnership with an agreement in the coming months. As a strategic partner in PacifiCorp's efforts to develop a local skilled workforce, Oregon Tech is committed to accelerating career education and skill development programming. We urge your support for PacifiCorp's request, and we look forward to the success of this project.

Sincerely,

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March 2, 2023

The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
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Dear Secretary Granholm:

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Rogue Community College (RCC) and our student population have been particularly impacted by the rapid increase in area wildfires, and we have been engaging with PacifiCorp to develop potential solutions. Under project REFORM, PacifiCorp will evaluate the techno-economic feasibility of augmented resiliency solutions – such as combined battery storage and renewable generation for our Southern Oregon campuses. We expect these projects to significantly enhance energy resiliency and decrease energy costs for our organization, which predominantly serves students from disadvantaged communities.

As longtime partners of RCC in Southern Oregon, PacifiCorp understands the unique challenges faced by Oregonians in the Rogue Valley. Over the years, PacifiCorp has supported RCC's goals to provide exemplary educational opportunities for student success and economic development. RCC will support PacifiCorp in the implementation of project REFORM and will work together to quantify the transformational community benefits of these resiliency solutions. We urge your support for PacifiCorp's request and look forward to the success of this project.

Sincerely,

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Randy Weber, Ed.D.
President



March 13, 2023

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The Suazo Business Center is committed to the development and empowerment of the Latino/Hispanic and other underserved communities through assistance to existing and potential minority entrepreneurs. Suazo and PacifiCorp have worked together over the years to support diverse business enterprises (DBEs) and minority entrepreneurs. The GRIP federal funds for the REFORM project will enable an expansion of the PacifiCorp-Suazo partnership to enhance existing programs and support a larger number of DBEs. This could include support for potential DBE suppliers, including those that can be potential suppliers for PacifiCorp, and providing additional services to underserved businesses in rural communities in Southwestern Utah.

The Suazo Business Center and PacifiCorp will formalize our partnership with an agreement in the coming months. As a strategic partner in PacifiCorp's efforts to support DBEs and develop a more diverse and inclusive supply chain, we urge your support for PacifiCorp's request, and we look forward to the success of this project.

Sincerely,

Silvia Castro; MBA
President and CEO



February 22, 2023

The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Re: Letter of Commitment for PacifiCorp Application to DE-FOA-0002740 (Topic Area 40107)

Dear Secretary Granholm,

Southwest Technical College (Southwest Tech) is committed to providing technical, affordable, and employer-driven education to high school and adult students for developing and upgrading their careers. Southwest Tech and PacifiCorp have worked together over the years, providing scholarships to students in technical programs. We understand that PacifiCorp is seeking federal grant funding through the Department of Energy's Grid Resilience & Innovation Partnership (GRIP) program for project REFORM (Resiliency Enhancement for Fire mitigation and Operational Risk Management).

Project REFORM creates a tremendous economic development opportunity for our region due to its planned investments in resilience and workforce development. The GRIP federal funds for the REFORM project will enable an expansion of the PacifiCorp-Southwest Tech partnership at our Cedar City campus – which is situated in project REFORM's influence area. We are in discussions with PacifiCorp on a number of initiatives which include enhancement to existing firefighter academy courses, expansion of high school public safety programming, and co-development of energy storage solutions at our main campus.

Southwest Tech and PacifiCorp will formalize our partnership with an agreement in the coming months. As a strategic partner in PacifiCorp's efforts to develop a local skilled workforce, Southwest Tech is committed to accelerating career education and skill development programming. We urge your support for PacifiCorp's request for grant funding, and we look forward to the success of this project.

Sincerely,

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