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Dear Margie,

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on your Draft 2015-2019 Energy Trust of Oregon Strategic Plan. Overall, we support the plan's targeted focus on work to achieve the Trust's core mission – to effectively and efficiently save energy and develop renewable resources to benefit utility customers.

We offer the following specific comments on the draft:

1. We make no recommendations on the five-year efficiency goals. We will hold the Trust to acquisition goals developed and set forth in utility integrated resource plans. We do believe that no longer-term goals should be based on an assumed loosening of cost-effectiveness standards.

2. We strongly support objectives to promote and develop new technologies and practices to expand the cost-effective conservation opportunities available in the future and to bring down the cost of measures and programs so that they are cost effective.

3. We support expanding participation in hard-to-reach markets to the extent we capture more cost-effective savings. Expanding participation should not come at the expense of losing additional cost-effective opportunities elsewhere.

4. The plan sets forth a number of non-quantitative objectives and actions. The plan should set forth how the Trust will measure success in achieving in those objectives and actions. The plan should also detail how the Trust will track and report on the status of its proposed actions.

5. We will place more emphasis on tracking NEEA activities and programs.

6. The Trust should establish metrics for internal operations and functions to measure and improve administrative efficiency. We will look to recommendations made in the management review.

We applaud the Energy Trust for results achieved for customers in Oregon over the last five years and look forward to working with the Trust and stakeholders to continue to deliver valuable savings and support renewable resource development going forward.

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