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RE: Statement of Interest for RIF COU Liaison Position

To Whom It May Concern,

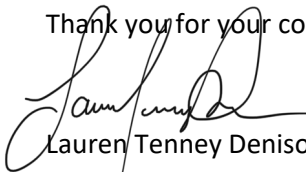
I am writing to express my interest in serving as a RIF liaison for the Consumer-Owned Utility Sector.

As the Director of Market Policy and Grid Strategy for the Public Power Council (PPC), I work closely with our member utilities to evaluate and develop positions on operational and regulatory issues related to regional markets, the transmission grid, and other regional programs. In this capacity I engage in the stakeholder processes run by the CAISO, educate our membership on CAISO initiatives, and facilitate discussions among our diverse membership to develop positions on these issues.

PPC's membership includes nearly ninety consumer-owned utilities from five states and consists primarily of municipal utilities, public or people's utility districts and rural electric cooperatives. This diverse mix includes large and small utilities, urban and rural utilities, and utilities with generation as well as those that rely fully on the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to meet their power supply needs. All of our members are preference customers of BPA and together are responsible for paying roughly 70% of BPA's total costs. PPC membership has become increasingly interested in issues pertaining to the EIM in recent years, an interest that will only grow with BPA's planned participation in the EIM to begin in 2022. Additionally, we have several members which are already participating, planning to participate, or considering participation in the EIM.

The RIF provides a great opportunity for stakeholders to collectively explore relevant issues outside the stakeholder process. This forum allows stakeholders to gain a deeper understanding of the market, as well as one another's perspectives. My experience working with PPC's membership, which has a broad range of interests and backgrounds, makes me well suited for this opportunity. If selected to serve in this capacity I look forward to working with those in the COU sector, and stakeholders from other sectors as well, to identify relevant issues and opportunities for deeper learning to explore during the RIF meetings. These engagements help us all participate as more informed and constructive stakeholders in the EIM.

Thank you for your consideration,



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