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Dear Nikki Eman,

I am writing to letter to announce my interest in the open Regional Issues Forum Consumer Advocate sector lead position. For the past three years, I have had the pleasure of working as an Economist for the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board. The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board is the statutory residential consumer advocate for residential customers in the state of Oregon.

While working for Oregon Citizens' Utility Board, I have served as a witness for the residential ratepayers of Portland General Electric, PacifiCorp and Idaho Power at the Oregon Public Utility Commission. Over the past three years, I have worked daily ensuring that Oregon households have access to electricity at a fair and reasonable price.

As part of my involvement in the ratemaking process, I work as the primary analyst for CUB in power cost proceedings. In the power cost proceedings, I have experienced the impact of the expansion of Western EIM market to the operations of PacifiCorp, Portland General Electric and Idaho Power. The Western EIM has saved Oregon ratepayers millions of dollars in rates. To better serve the interest of customers, I would like to learn more about the Western EIM to advance the interest of retail customers. Moving forward, I would like to take part as sector lead to facilitate input and participation from consumer advocates across the Western United States.

William Gehrke