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Dear Central Electric Cooperative Directors,

I am writing to urge you adoption of the four PURPA standards defined under the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. I believe that adoption of the standards would help us maintain our energy security, protect our natural environment and help us to maintain our way of life in Central Oregon.

The first two of the standards (Integrated resource planning & rate design modifications) are in line with the direction that our Coop and all of the region's major electrical consumers, wholesale suppliers, retail utilities and governmental entities have been moving since the passage of the Northwest Power Planning and Conservation Act nearly 28 years ago.

CEC should continue this forward momentum towards more cost-effective energy solution in the future, just as it and the region has done in the past.

The third and fourth proposed standards go in a new direction. These standards envision a role for a smart grid in our service area and CEC playing a role to encourage its development. These standards would assist our Coop staff and entrepreneurs within our service area to design and finance innovative and cost-effective improvements in our energy systems.

I urge the Board to adopt these four standards. Thank you for offering me the opportunity to comment.

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