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RE: Transformational Integrated Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Project Gap Measures for Analysis

Dear Chair Miller and members of the Board of Agriculture,

I am writing to follow up on a conversation that took place at the Board of Agriculture meeting on March 19, 2026. I understand that there were questions and comments on the work that the Oregon Climate Action Commission and Oregon Department of Energy are doing to analyze greenhouse gas emissions associated with an initial list of possible reduction measures. I'd like to take the opportunity to clarify the scope of and context for this project and invite Board of Agriculture input into the effort.

The Transformational Integrated Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction (TIGHGER) Project aims to assess Oregon's progress toward meeting the state's greenhouse gas emission reduction goals, specifically the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 45 percent below 1990 levels by 2035 and 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. This detailed forecast of expected greenhouse gas emissions reductions is a statutorily directed requirement of the Oregon Climate Action Commission, which is staffed by the Oregon Department of Energy. The project is not associated with Governor Kotek's 2025 Executive Orders.

The first iteration of the TIGHGER project, finalized in 2023 but incorporating data through 2018, found that the state had the program and policy infrastructure in place to meet its 2035 goal. However, in 2025, we completed an updated [analysis](#) that showed a gap between the projected greenhouse gas emissions reductions expected to be achieved by the programs and policies currently in place in Oregon and the state's 2035 and 2050 goals. The effort we are undertaking now is to measure the greenhouse gas reduction potential of various actions that could reduce that gap if they were ever to be implemented.

Earlier this week, the agency opened a public comment period on an initial set of draft measures, which were derived primarily from some interagency partners and sectoral subject matter experts. The Governor's Office was not consulted in creating this draft list. This public comment period is intended to get feedback on that draft list and also to generate other actions that could be measured. Draft measures may be removed or amended based on feedback we receive.

ODOE is not proposing the implementation of any of the draft measures listed. Rather, once feedback on these measures has been received and taken into consideration, we will update the list of measures and model the potential greenhouse gas emissions reductions that could occur if they were

implemented. The final report, expected this summer, will offer a menu of potential measures for decision-makers to consider, a subset of which, if implemented, could support Oregon meeting its greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals. It will not be a prescriptive plan of whether or how implementation should occur.

Both the Oregon Climate Action Commission and the Oregon Department of Energy value the role agriculture has and will play in addressing climate change. We welcome your feedback on the initial draft measures, the assumptions that we have included, and any additional measures that may be worthwhile to quantitatively model. A meeting has already been scheduled with Department of Agriculture staff, who we know will have great insight to share. You can find information on the draft measures and instructions on how to comment [here](#). The deadline for receiving public comments is April 10, 2026.

In addition to receiving your written comments, ODOE staff would be happy to schedule a phone call or meeting to answer any questions you have or further discuss your input or comments. You can contact me or Christy Splitt, Government Relations Coordinator, at christy.splitt@energy.oregon.gov or 503-510-4473.

Sincerely,



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