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Honorable Willie L. Phillips, Acting Chairman
Honorable Mark C. Christie, Allison Clements, and James Danly, Commissioners
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: GTN Xpress Project, Docket No. CP22-2-000

Dear Chairman Phillips and Commissioners Christie, Clements, and Danly:

I write in opposition of the proposed Gas Transmission Northwest (GTN) Xpress project because I do not believe it can comply with Oregon's clean energy laws and regulations.

Oregon does not need a scientific report to confirm that climate change is real. Over the last several years, we have experienced severe drought, wildfire, heat, and ice storms. To help reduce personal and businesses losses caused by increasing extreme weather events and prepare Oregonians to be more resilient against future events, Oregon passed strong clean energy and decarbonization laws and regulations in 2020 and 2021. Through these collective programs, Oregon is on track to meet our state's greenhouse gas reduction goals.

The state Attorneys General from Oregon, Washington, and California have scrutinized how the costs of the proposed pipeline expansion could affect our residents over the coming decades, well past our 2050 goals. These laws are not arbitrary or abstract. Companies have enforceable regulations to meet in order to help prepare our state for a cleaner, more resilient future.

I respectfully request the Commission only approve this project if it can demonstrably comport with Oregon's existing laws and regulations.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact my Natural Resources and Climate Advisor, Karin Power, at karin.power@oregon.gov or (503) 559-8652.

Sincerely,

Governor Tina Kotek

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