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SUBJECT: Letter of Support for Proposal of Newberry Volcano Geothermal Area for the Frontier Observatory for Research in Geothermal Energy (FORGE)

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is provided in support of conducting the activities for Phase 2 of the Frontier Observatory for Research in Geothermal Energy (FORGE) on the unitized geothermal lease areas owned by Davenport Newberry Holdings, LLC (DNH), and located on the Newberry Volcano in Central Oregon. We understand the unique characteristics present at Newberry Volcano make this an excellent choice for the FORGE, which include a geothermal gradient exceeding 85°C/km, measured data at depth, multiple exiting wells, unitized lease ownership, road access, and water supply. Most importantly, the lessons learned during the course of the DOE-supported Newberry Volcano EGS Demonstration Project will expedite the steps needed to build the FORGE and make it a success.

The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners supports locating FORGE in Central Oregon, and is excited about the prospect of developing this state of the art facility in our community. The new Oregon State University Cascades campus and the burgeoning tech sector in Bend, make this a perfect fit for our area.

Sincerely,

THE DESCHUTES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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