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Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of Omaha Public Power District (OPPD), this letter acknowledges our organization's commitment to support and participate in the energy related projects submitted by the City of Omaha and outlined in the Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Statistical Area CPRG Implementation Grant.

OPPD, a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, is a publicly owned electric utility engaged in the generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity. OPPD's mission is to provide affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy services to our customers. OPPD serves an estimated population of nearly 900,000 in a 13-county, 5,000-square-mile service area in southeast Nebraska.

OPPD has a diverse energy portfolio with more than 1,000 megawatts (MW) of renewables currently and 81 MW of utility-scale solar under construction – the largest utility scale solar project in the state. In August 2023, OPPD's Board of Directors approved a new generation plan, which includes adding between 1,000 – 1,500 MW of additional renewables to the portfolio, furthering our efforts towards being a net-zero carbon producer by 2050. OPPD proudly serves residential, commercial, and industrial customers and prides itself on providing new offerings, products, and services to meet our customers' evolving needs – ranging from 100% renewable energy structures to energy assistance programs.

OPPD's role in the Priority Climate Action Plan is to partner with the City of Omaha to further fund programs, including involving energy control and efficiency, distributed generation and storage, and assistance to broaden the impact of energy efficiency.

We hope that the EPA will approve this grant application and support the work of the Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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