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Audits Division  
Secretary of State  
255 Capitol St. NE, Suite 500  
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Dear Audits Division:

Thank you for your office's review of the Residential Energy Tax Credit. The Oregon Department of Energy is pleased that out of 6,841 photovoltaic project files provided, the Secretary of State Audits Division concluded that the overwhelming majority were properly processed, with only five errors identified.

After 40 years of encouraging the adoption of energy saving technologies, the RETC program will sunset at the end of 2017. ODOE will work to implement the recommendations in this report to the extent feasible given the impending expiration of the program.

These include recommendations to reduce the 0.1% error rate through automation via a processing system that was implemented in 2015; reviewing our application forms with an eye toward providing greater clarity on pass-through options; continuing to engage stakeholders in RETC rulemaking process, with opportunities for participants to raise issues with the program, such as whether the uniform discount rate properly reflected present value of a tax credit; and providing accurate, timely, and useful information to the public, a task that will be supported by an effort currently underway to redesign our website.

Sincerely,

Michael Kaplan  
Director, Oregon Department of Energy