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Good Afternoon,

The Columbia Corridor Association representing Oregon's largest economic corridor, supports Portland General Electric's Harborton Reliability Project (LU 24-041109 CU EN GW).

Please see the attached letter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
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To: Marisha Childs, City of Portland Land Use Hearing Officer

RE: Support for Portland General Electric's Harborton Reliability Project (LU 24-041109 CU EN GW)

Dear Marisha,

The Columbia Corridor Association, Northwest Industrial Business Association, Swan Island Business Association, and the Working Waterfront Coalition strongly support Portland General Electric's (PGE) Harborton Reliability Project. Collectively, we represent Portland's industrial sector which provides more family wage jobs to people of color and non-four-year-degree holders than any other segment of our economy.

This project is essential for two primary reasons: supporting our region's economic vitality and ensuring reliable electrical infrastructure for our growing industrial ecosystem, particularly in the Rivergate Industrial District.

It is critical for the City of Portland to uphold its established processes, which PGE is diligently following, to balance the need for environmental protection with the critical goals of ensuring grid reliability and advancing a clean energy future.

Our current electrical grid faces unprecedented challenges that demand immediate attention:

- Increasing power demands during extreme weather events
- Rapid electrification of our economy and transportation systems
- Complex integration of renewable energy sources like wind, solar, and hydroelectric power

Without strategic infrastructure improvements, our region risks:

- Failing to meet federal reliability standards
- Experiencing service interruptions during peak demand periods
- Compromising our ability to support critical community energy needs

PGE has approached this project with remarkable diligence following the city's preferred processes by conducting a comprehensive alternatives analysis and developing robust mitigation strategies. The Harborton Reliability Project represents a critical investment in our region's economic future. By modernizing our electrical infrastructure, we can continue to support the middle-wage jobs that are the backbone of our local economy and ensure reliable power for our industrial corridor. Unspecific slippery slope arguments should not be the basis for preventing improvements to existing development which will help Portland make this essential transition.

We urge you to support this vital project and recognize its importance to our community's continued growth and prosperity toward a clean energy future.

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