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Hello,

Please find the attached letter regarding Case #4240019. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ben

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January 24, 2025

Marisha Childs
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RE: Support for Portland General Electric's Harborton Reliability Project (Case #4240019)

Dear Ms. Childs,

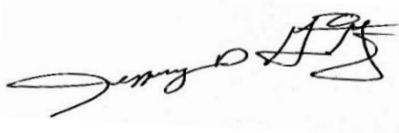
The Oregon and Southern Idaho District Council of Laborers is pleased to provide our support for PGE's application for the Harborton Reliability Project. Our Council represents three Local Unions and approximately 4,500 workers in Oregon and Southern Idaho. Our members work in all aspects of the construction industry and the public sector.

The Harborton Reliability Project is of critical importance to our membership as the project provides multiple benefits to the thousands of union workers within the region including a commitment to high-road labor standards, continued support for economic growth in North/NW Portland, and the ability to meet climate goals for the city and the state. Through PGE's adoption of their Responsible Contractor Policy, PGE has committed to high-road labor standards on all major infrastructure projects. This action by a private company is unique and demonstrates PGE's commitment to supporting our local economy through family wage jobs.

Our union members directly benefit from the construction of those projects. New renewable energy projects built by union members will require new transmission capacity, such as the Harborton Reliability Project, to be built in order for that energy to be brought from the project's location to our region. In addition, reliable electricity attracts new businesses to the region which our members also have the potential to benefit from. PGE has done the work to identify a path that maximizes benefits and minimizes impacts. Now it's time to get to work.

The denial of PGE's application for the Harborton Reliability Project threatens the economic vitality of the region, a direct impact to our members and the industry that we are a part of. It sends the message to companies looking to locate or expand in Portland that we are not open for business. We strongly encourage the approval of this application.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey D. Gritz
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Oregon & Southern Idaho District Council of Laborers