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To whom it may concern,

Attached please find the Oregon-Columbia Chapter of NECA's letter of support for PGE's Harborton Reliability Project.

Sincerely,



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January 30, 2025

Marisha Childs Hearings Office 1900 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 3100 Portland, OR 97201

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

Dear Ms. Childs,

The Oregon-Columbia Chapter of NECA is pleased to provide support for Portland General Electric's Land Use Application Number LU 24-041109 CU EN GW for the Harborton Reliability Project. The Oregon-Columbia Chapter of NECA represents 70-member electrical contractors and is committed to leading the union electrical industry in Oregon and Southwest Washington into the future.

The Harborton Reliability Project is of critical importance to our region and provides benefits to Portlanders and the region through PGE's 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. New renewable energy projects built by union members will require new transmission connections, such as the Harborton Reliability Project, to be built 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 member companies also have the potential to benefit from. PGE has done the work to identify a path that maximizes benefits and minimizes impacts. A denial of PGE's application threatens the economic vitality of the region, a direct impact to our members and the industry that we are a part of. We strongly encourage the approval of this application.

Sincerely,

Todd Mustard

Executive Manager

cc: Oregon-Columbia Chapter, NECA Board

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