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October 13, 2026

Re: Land Use Case Info: LU 26-051203 CU

Dear Charles Koutras EN GW, City of Portland Hearings Officer,

On behalf of the Central Eastside Industrial Council (CEIC) Board of Directors, I am writing to express our support for Portland General Electric's Harborton Reliability Project.

Since 1980, CEIC has represented the interests of businesses in Portland's Central Eastside Industrial District, advocating for the infrastructure, policies, and investments that support a thriving employment district. Today, the Central Eastside is home to approximately 1,300 businesses and 22,000 employees, making it an important contributor to Portland's economy.

Our businesses depend on reliable infrastructure to operate, grow, and remain competitive. While the Harborton Reliability Project is located outside the Central Eastside, strengthening Portland's regional electric grid benefits the broader business community. Reliable power supports everything from manufacturing and commercial operations to essential services and the institutions that keep our city running.

We support PGE's efforts to modernize existing infrastructure, strengthen transmission capacity, and improve system resilience as electricity demand continues to grow. These investments are important not only for maintaining dependable service today, but also for supporting future economic development and job growth throughout Portland.

We also appreciate the work PGE has undertaken through its planning and public engagement process, including efforts to incorporate environmental protections and wildfire resilience measures into the project.

CEIC believes that investing in reliable, resilient infrastructure is fundamental to Portland's economic future. On behalf of our Board of Directors and the businesses we represent, I encourage approval of the Harborton Reliability Project.

Sincerely,

Carolyne Holcomb
Executive Director
Central Eastside Industrial Council
On behalf of the CEIC Board of Directors