



To: Charles Koutras, City of Portland Hearings Officer

RE: Portland General Electric Harborton Reliability Project

Land Use Case Info: LU 26-051203 CU EN GW [Hearings Officer Case Number: 4260012]

Dear Mr. Koutras,

On behalf of the Portland Metro Chamber, we write in support of Portland General Electric's Harborton Reliability Project. Reliable energy infrastructure is fundamental to the Chamber's mission of creating opportunity and advancing economic well-being throughout the Greater Portland region. As our economy grows and businesses increasingly rely on electrification, investments that strengthen grid reliability are essential to maintaining the region's competitiveness, resiliency, and long-term prosperity.

North and Northwest Portland are home to some of the region's most important economic engines, including industrial employers, marine terminals, advanced manufacturing, logistics facilities, healthcare providers, small businesses, and growing mixed-use communities. These sectors depend on dependable electric service to operate, invest, expand, and create living wage jobs. As Portland works to attract new investment, support housing development, grow family-wage employment opportunities, and compete for capital in an increasingly complex economic environment, the infrastructure serving these communities must keep pace with rising demand.

The Harborton Reliability Project will strengthen the transmission system serving North and Northwest Portland, helping maintain reliable electric service during periods of peak demand, extreme weather, and system stress. By upgrading existing infrastructure and reinforcing the regional transmission network, the project will address a recognized reliability need while supporting the businesses, institutions, residents, and critical facilities that power the region's economy.

The connection between energy reliability and economic vitality cannot be overstated. Businesses across the region depend on dependable electric service to operate efficiently, support employees, serve customers, and plan for future growth. At the same time, Oregon's ongoing transition toward greater electrification across transportation, buildings, and industry will require a resilient grid capable of meeting increasing energy demand. Strengthening core transmission infrastructure today helps ensure the region remains an attractive place to invest, innovate, and do business tomorrow.

We also appreciate the extensive study, public engagement, and collaboration that have shaped this application over several years. The proposal reflects thoughtful efforts to balance critical infrastructure needs with environmental stewardship, including additional mitigation measures, wildfire resilience enhancements, and other improvements informed by community feedback.



The Portland Metro Chamber supports investments in infrastructure that enable economic growth, strengthen community resilience, support housing and business development, and position the Greater Portland region for long-term success. For these reasons, we respectfully encourage approval of the Harborton Reliability Project.

Thank you,

Andrew Hoan
President & CEO