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VIA Electronic Submission

Dear City of Portland Land Use Hearings Officer,

I am submitting testimony on behalf of Sustainable Northwest in support of Portland General Electric's Harborton Reliability Project Land Use Application (Case File, LU 26-051203 CU EN GW, PC # 26-010241).

Sustainable Northwest works throughout Oregon and Washington with tribes and communities to support natural resource and renewable energy resilience solutions that make both economic and environmental sense.

As climate driven natural disasters increase, communities across Oregon are becoming more and more susceptible to power outages. Wildfires, snowstorms, coastal landslides, heat domes, windstorms, ice storms, and drought in 21 out of 36 Oregon counties threatens the energy resilience of urban and rural communities.

For Oregonians to transition away from fossil fuels to a clean energy future, our communities must maintain and increase access to resilient and affordable electricity. Investments in resilient electric energy infrastructure in every corner of our state are essential.

This is why Sustainable Northwest supports the collaborative effort by PGE, the City of Portland, community members, groups and stakeholders to ensure the residents, schools, community centers, hospitals, and small businesses of North and Northwest Portland can keep the power on during this era of increased climate driven disasters. The PGE Harborton Project will address the critical need to update aging infrastructure to improve safety and create a stronger and more resilient network that can continue serving customers in north and northwest Portland when equipment fails, or electricity demand is at its highest.

We support the role of the public in this process that has led PGE to committing \$5.5 million to environmental and ecological enhancements, wildfire resilience initiatives, and access improvements in Forest Park. This additional funding will lead to improvements on 1000 acres of the park.

As demand for electricity grows in our cities and counties due to homes, vehicles, and businesses transitioning to cleaner electric technologies, utilities must ensure that residents have reliable access to electricity. Oregonians who invest in heat pumps, electric vehicles, and



community EV chargers for the benefit of the climate deserve a redundant and resilient electric system that makes sure no one is disenfranchised by power shutoffs or poor power quality.

Sustainable Northwest urges the City of Portland Land Use Hearings Officer to approve PGE's application for this updated land use application. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

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