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Portland's Industrial Districts

October 7th, 2026

Re: Land Use Case # LU 26-051203 CU EN GW (Case Number: 4260012)

To Hearings Officer Koutras,

Portland Industrial (PI) supports PGE's proposed Harborton Reliability Project. Portland's industrial economy is a critical part of the city and region, supporting manufacturers, distribution centers, logistics providers, marine terminals, freight-dependent businesses, and thousands of family-wage jobs. These businesses depend on reliable infrastructure to remain competitive, serve customers, move goods, and continue investing in Portland. Reliable electric service is a fundamental part of that infrastructure.

The Harborton Reliability Project will strengthen the transmission system serving North and Northwest Portland, helping maintain reliable electric service during periods of peak demand. By modernizing critical infrastructure and strengthening the transmission network, the project addresses an identified reliability need while supporting businesses, residents, and critical facilities throughout the area.

For Portland Industrial and the businesses we represent, reliable power is about more than keeping the lights on at individual facilities. Portland's industrial districts are interconnected centers of manufacturing, freight movement, warehousing, distribution, and trade. Disruptions to these operations can ripple through regional supply chains, transportation networks, employers, and communities far beyond the boundaries of any individual industrial district.

Investing in reliable infrastructure also means investing in Portland's ability to retain and attract employers. Industrial businesses make long-term decisions based in part on whether a region can provide the power, transportation, land, and other infrastructure necessary to operate and grow. Strengthening the electric grid helps protect existing family-wage jobs while positioning Portland to compete for industrial investment.

We appreciate the work that has gone into shaping this application through years of study, public engagement, and collaboration among PGE, the city and community stakeholders. The application includes additional environmental protections, wildfire resilience measures, and other enhancements reflecting feedback received throughout the review process while continuing to address the infrastructure need.

Portland Industrial supports responsible investments in critical infrastructure that strengthens reliability and resilience, protects family-wage jobs, supports freight and traded-sector businesses and reinforces the industrial economy that remains essential to Portland's economic future.

For these reasons, Portland Industrial strongly supports approval of the Harborton Reliability Project.

Respectfully submitted,

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