Date: October 13, 2026

To: Charles Koutras, City of Portland Hearings Officer

Subject: Portland General Electric Harborton Reliability Project

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

Dear Mr. Koutras,

Recently the Portland Metro Chamber, the Building Owners and Managers Association of Oregon (BOMA Oregon), the Commercial Real Estate Development Association of Oregon (CREDA, formerly NAIOP), and Oregon Smart Growth formed the **Portland Metro Chamber Public Affairs Collaborative**, representing thousands of companies and tens of thousands of employees who work in the development, construction, and property management industries.

On behalf of these organizations and their members, we write in support of the Harborton Reliability Project. Reliable electric infrastructure is fundamental to the success of our region's economy, the delivery of housing, and the continued growth of Portland's communities.

North and Northwest Portland remain key areas for housing, commercial development, and job creation. As communities grow and investment continues across residential, mixed-use, industrial, and employment centers, dependable energy infrastructure is essential to supporting both current needs and long-term growth. A reliable electric system helps create the conditions for new housing, private investment, and economic opportunity while ensuring existing residents and businesses can continue to thrive.

The Harborton Reliability Project will strengthen the transmission system serving North and Northwest Portland, helping maintain reliable electric service during periods of peak demand and system stress. By upgrading existing infrastructure and strengthening the local transmission network, this project will address a recognized reliability need while supporting dependable service for homes, small businesses, schools, and other critical community assets.

Reliable electric service is a foundational requirement for modern buildings and thriving communities. Commercial office buildings, multifamily housing, industrial facilities, retail centers, and mixed-use developments all depend on dependable power for daily operations, occupant safety, communications systems, heating and cooling, and increasingly sophisticated building technologies. A resilient electric grid supports economic competitiveness, quality of life, and the long-term viability of both existing development and future investment.

We also appreciate the thoughtful work that has gone into shaping this application through years of study, public engagement, and collaboration among PGE, the City, and community stakeholders. The proposal includes additional environmental protections, wildfire resilience measures, and other enhancements that reflect community feedback while continuing to address an important regional reliability need.

As organizations committed to fostering economically vibrant, well-planned, and resilient communities, we support investments in critical infrastructure that enable housing production, support job creation, attract private investment, and sustain the reliable services that residents and businesses depend upon every day. For these reasons, we respectfully encourage approval of the Harborton Reliability Project.

Sincerely,

The Portland Metro Chamber Public Affairs Collaborative
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The Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) of Oregon
The Commercial Real Estate Development Association (CREDA) of Oregon
Oregon Smart Growth

BOMA is a professional trade association with several hundred members from over 100 firms who either own or manage commercial real estate or provide goods and services to the industry. Established in 1915, BOMA is the voice of the office building and commercial real estate industry.

CREDA Oregon serves as one of the most important forums for Oregon's commercial real estate marketplace and is comprised of one of the largest collections of companies and professionals working within this industry. Our primary objective is to represent the interests of developers, investors, and owners of office, industrial, and related commercial real estate throughout the state to advance responsible commercial real estate development that creates jobs and benefits the communities in which our members work and live.

Oregon Smart Growth serves as a vital voice for responsible developers, investors and allied industries to guide state and local policy towards market-driven development trends that are more economically, socially and environmentally sustainable for Oregon's future. Oregon Smart Growth members bring hands-on experience and expertise on how Oregon can create more jobs and housing opportunities, increase property values and provide sustainable economic growth. Oregon Smart Growth is a member of Smart Growth America.