COLUMBIA CORRIDOR ASSOCIATION

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

To: Hearings Officer Koutras,

The Columbia Corridor Association (CCA) supports PGE's proposed Harborton Reliability Project.

The Columbia Corridor is Oregon's largest industrial and employment area and is home to manufacturers, distribution centers, logistics providers, marine terminals, and other major employers that help drive the regional economy. Reliable electric service is essential to these businesses and the thousands of family-wage workers, customers, and communities that depend on them every day.

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 upgrading and modernizing infrastructure and strengthening the transmission network, the project will help address a recognized reliability need and support continued service to businesses, residents, and critical facilities.

For the Columbia Corridor Association and our members, reliable power is about more than keeping individual facilities running. The corridor serves as a critical hub for manufacturing, freight movement, warehousing, distribution, and trade—and with it the tens of thousands of family-wage jobs that it supports. When industrial facilities, logistics providers, and transportation networks can operate reliably, the benefits extend well beyond the corridor itself, supporting supply chains, family-wage jobs with high percentages of disadvantaged communities, and economic activity throughout the Portland region.

We 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. This application includes additional environmental protections, wildfire resilience measures, and other enhancements that reflect feedback received throughout the review process while continuing to address an important reliability need.

CCA supports needed investments in critical infrastructure that help maintain a reliable and resilient electric grid, support family-wage jobs, and reinforce the industrial sector that plays such an important role in Portland's economy and civic life. For these reasons, we strongly encourage approval of the Harborton Reliability Project.

Respectfully submitted,

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