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As the region's public-private economic development partnership focused on driving job creation and long-term prosperity, Greater Portland Inc (GPI) strongly supports PGE's Harborton Reliability Project. Reliable infrastructure is a fundamental component of a competitive regional economy, and dependable electric service is essential to attracting investment, supporting business expansion, and retaining employers across the Greater Portland area.

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 transmission network, the proposed project will help to address a recognized reliability need and ensure dependable service for businesses and communities.

Our region's economic success depends on the strength of the systems that connect and support our communities. From major employers and healthcare institutions to small businesses, schools, and individual households, reliable electric service underpins virtually all economic activity and fosters the quality of life that make this region an attractive place to live, work, and invest. As the Portland region continues to compete for talent, jobs, and future investment, maintaining resilient infrastructure is essential to our long-term prosperity.

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.

Portland's economic competitiveness is closely tied to its quality of life and regional placemaking. We recognize the importance of protecting valued community assets such as Forest Park while also ensuring the region has the infrastructure necessary to support residents, employers, and future economic opportunity. This application reflects a thoughtful effort to balance environmental stewardship, community values, and the region's long-term infrastructure needs.

GPI supports investments in critical infrastructure that strengthen reliability, support economic opportunity, and help ensure the Portland region remains a place where businesses can invest, communities can thrive, and residents can prosper. For these reasons, we encourage approval of the Harborton Reliability Project.

Thank you for your consideration,

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