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The Association Promoting Quality Rental Housing

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Portland General Electric Harborton Reliability Project

Multifamily NW represents rental housing providers, property owners, property managers, and industry partners throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington. We support the Harborton Reliability Project because reliable infrastructure is essential to providing safe, functional, and livable housing for residents across the Portland region.

North and Northwest Portland continue to be important areas for new residential development, with mixed-use growth in Slabtown bringing new housing, services, and residents to the area. At the same time, neighborhoods such as St. Johns are adding middle housing and other residential development that expands housing opportunities for Portlanders. As housing supply grows and more residents call these communities home, it is important that the infrastructure serving them keeps pace and remains reliable for the long term.

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 project will help address a recognized reliability need and support dependable service for homes, businesses, schools, and critical facilities.

Reliable electric service is essential to residents and housing providers alike. Multifamily communities depend on electricity for heating and cooling, lighting, security systems, communications, and other services that residents rely on every day. A resilient electric grid helps support resident safety, building operations, and community well-being, particularly during periods of extreme weather.

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.

Multifamily NW supports investments in critical infrastructure that help maintain reliable electric service, support housing growth, and ensure Portland residents have safe and resilient neighborhoods for years to come. For these reasons, we respectfully encourage approval of the Harborton Reliability Project.

Sincerely,

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