



IBEW Local 125

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

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Public Utility Commission of Oregon
550 Capitol Street NE #215
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Dear Commissioners,

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 125 represents approximately 3,600 members who work in the Pacific Northwest's electric utility business. Throughout this process, we have appreciated your willingness to demonstrate objectivity, compassion and respect for Oregon's energy needs and its citizens. We want to thank Oregon Public Utility Commission staff for its work into making a recommendation regarding Portland General Electric's (PGE) Integrated Resource Plan LC 48.

As a registered intervenor, we have stated our preference for the plant to remain operating until 2040 and beyond, and our position has not changed. However, we appreciate staff's recommendation of PGE's 2020 plan because it does provide some opportunities for our members and the Eastern Oregon communities surrounding the plant. For the best interest of not only Eastern but all of Oregon, we hope the Commission will support PGE's efforts to find an alternative fuel source which will meet environmental requests and operational needs while allowing the plan to continue operating.

We encourage the Commission to acknowledge the "backstop" of 2040 because we remain subject to the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission's approval. Our state needs reliable, affordable, and safely-generated power, and we hope that Boardman continues to maintain the ability to create that generation. Again, we thank staff for recognizing that a closure prior to 2020 would be detrimental for communities and our economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcy Putman". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Marcy Putman, PHR
Political Affairs and Communication Representative
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