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Public Utility Commission
Attn: Filing Center
550 Capitol Street NE, #215
Salem, OR 97308

Re: LC 48 Comments on Portland General Electric's IRP

Dear Public Utility Commissioners,

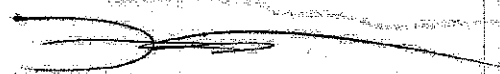
The Community Action Partnership of Oregon (CAPO) would like to stress the importance of electricity affordability for customers of Portland General Electric (PGE). CAPO and its member and partner agencies assisted over 115,000 Oregon households with energy assistance and weatherization services in 2009. In 2010 we have witnessed a need that is even greater. In the tough economic times our State is currently experiencing, it is important that we safeguard utility affordability for all Oregonians, especially our most vulnerable populations.

While CAPO understands the difficulty in accurately forecasting the financial impact of potential scenarios, we appreciate PGE's goal to close the Boardman Coal Plant in 2020 because the 2020 closure is projected to have the lowest net cost to consumers. Therefore, CAPO would like to recognize and support PGE's plan to close the plant in 2020.

CAPO values the input of regional groups that are concerned with the health and environmental impacts of the Boardman coal plant. We also value PGE's effort to install all-affordable pollution mitigation equipment in order to reduce emissions from the plant. In considering PGE's Revised 2009 Integrated Resource Plan, CAPO would like to request that conservation efforts be given paramount priority as a resource for meeting regional energy demand after closure of the Boardman Plant. This will help assure that both utility affordability and environmental improvements are achieved through PGE's proposed 2020 plan.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input on behalf of low-income households across Oregon. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,


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