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Public Utility Commission of Oregon
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Re: **UM ____** - Portland General Electric Company Application to Open Docket for Selection of an Independent Evaluator (IE)

Attention Filing Center:

Pursuant to Oregon Public Utility Commission (Commission) Order No. 14-149, Portland General Electric Company (PGE) requests that the Commission open a docket and issue a Protective Order for the selection of an Independent Evaluator (IE) to be used in its Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for PGE's 2016 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP).

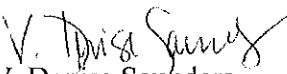
The Commission's Competitive Bidding Guidelines require Commission staff, with input from the utility and interested, non-bidding parties, to recommend an IE to the Commission, which will then select or approve an IE for the RFPs. Order No. 14-149, Guideline 5. PGE has included a Motion for Approval of a Protective Order to allow IE bid information to be shared with parties who choose to participate in this docket and who will not be bidding into the RFPs. Based on discussions with Commission staff, PGE understands that staff will be working with such non-bidding parties and PGE in order to make a recommendation for approval of an IE at the Commission's June 13, 2017 Public Meeting.

PGE is providing copies of this filing to all parties and interested persons in the utility's most recent general rate case, RFP and IRP dockets.

Please contact me at 541-752-9060 or Patrick Hager at 503 464-7857 if you have any questions concerning this filing.

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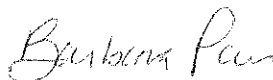
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cc: OPUC Docket UE 319, UM 1773 and LC 66 Service Lists

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing **MOTION FOR GENERAL PROTECTIVE ORDER AND PROPOSED ORDER** on the following named persons on the date indicated below by email addressed to said persons whose email addresses appear on the attached OPUC service list for Docket Nos. UE 319, UM 1773 and LC 66.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2017.



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