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Chair Megan Decker
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
PO Box 1088
Salem, OR 97308-1088

Dear Chair Decker,

On behalf of the Milwaukie City Council and our staff, I am writing to urge your support of Portland General Electric's (PGE) Testbed Proposal. The Proposal is a critical component in accelerating a modern, clean grid which not only helps the State meet their carbon reduction goals, but it also helps our City with our desire to become carbon neutral by 2050.

Over the past year, our Staff have worked with PGE and other stakeholders to develop a Climate Action Plan for our City. The City Council adopted the Climate Action on October 2nd, 2018. This plan outlines a bold roadmap for our community to make real progress on climate change. The strategies identified in the Climate Action Plan will reduce Milwaukie's local emissions by 73% over the next 22 years compared to 2016, ahead of the pace needed to reach carbon neutrality by 2050. In addition to carbon neutrality by 2050, the City is committed that by 2035, Milwaukie will have no net emissions from electricity, and net zero building emissions from the onsite combustion of fuels by 2040. One of the strategies identified in our Climate Action Plan was partnering with PGE to implement a demand response program within the City of Milwaukie. As our electric utility, PGE is an important partner to Milwaukie. Projects such as the PGE Testbed are an important part of understanding how we can meet our climate goals. While the project will inform PGE on how to accelerate a cleaner and more diversified grid, it will also help us understand our role and our work in a grid that works for our community members and our City.


PGE's Testbed project will work with 20,000 customers in three cities, including Milwaukie. We have worked with PGE to choose a substation that will explore commercial, residential, and industrial. The Milwaukie Testbed site also includes Clackamas County Housing Authority's affordable housing development Hillside Manor and the Northwest Housing Authority site. Both housing developments will allow for analysis of diverse income ranges. This first-of-its kind project empowers



PGE's customers, and our community members, and presents an opportunity to accelerate the pace to which our City, region, and State can become cleaner and greener.

We cannot emphasize enough how critical this project is to continuing to move Oregon in the right direction. Climate Change is the biggest threat to mankind and we must take every opportunity to explore ways to minimize its impact. We can act, and we must act and programs like the PGE Testbed provide us with actionable opportunities to help preserve our quality of life for current and future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Gamba', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Gamba
Mayor