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Via Electronic Filing

Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
Attention: Filing Center  
201 High Street SE, Suite 100  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: UE 416 – PGE’s Request for General Rate Revision  
Notice of General Rate Revision

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned docket is the Declaration of Heidi Hartson Regarding PGE’s Notice of General Rate Revision and the corresponding newspaper affidavit and declaration (Exhibits A and B).

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "KSB".

Kim S. Burton  
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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON  
UE 416**

In the Matter of  
  
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC  
COMPANY,  
  
Request for a General Rate Revision; and  
2024 Annual Power Cost Update.

DECLARATION OF HEIDI HARTSON  
REGARDING NOTICE OF GENERAL  
RATE REVISION

I, Heidi Hartson, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Oregon:

1. My full name is Heidi Hartson. I am a Principal Brand Strategist in the Brand Marketing Department at Portland General Electric Company (PGE).
2. PGE filed its Request for a General Rate Revision with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon on February 15, 2023.
3. Pursuant to OAR 860-022-0017, PGE caused to be published a display advertisement announcing the General Rate Revision on May 5, 2023, in The Oregonian and The Salem Statesman Journal. The ad sizes for The Oregonian were 4.92” column wide by 9.25” column tall. The ad size for The Salem Statesman Journal was 4.94” column wide by 10.7” column tall. The Affidavit and Declaration of Publication from the aforementioned newspapers, along with the published announcements, are attached as Exhibits A and B respectively.

DATED May 11, 2023

Heidi Hartson  
Heidi Hartson (May 11, 2023 10:34 PDT)  
Heidi Hartson



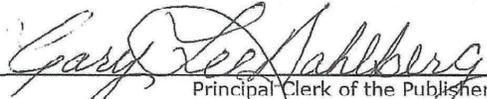
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**The Oregonian**  
OREGONIAN MEDIA GROUP

**Affidavit of Publication**

**Cary Dahlberg**, being duly sworn, deposes that he/she is principal clerk of Oregonian Media Group; that The Oregonian | OregonLive is a public newspaper published in the city of Portland, with general circulation in Oregon, and this notice is an accurate and true copy of this notice as printed in said newspaper and on OregonLive, was printed and published in the regular edition and issue of said newspaper on the following date(s):

**May 5, 2023**  
**The Oregonian**

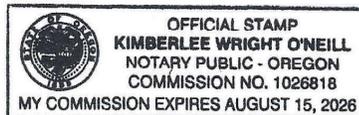
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Principal Clerk of the Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this date: **9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023**

  
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Kimberlee Wright O'Neill  
Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission expires **August 15, 2026**



HOMELESSNESS CRISIS

# Urban Alchemy will run Portland's next safe rest village

Nicole Hayden *The Oregonian/OregonLive*

The California nonprofit that is slated to operate Portland's first mass pod and tent site on the Central Eastside will also be tasked with operating a new safe rest village in North Portland, the city announced Thursday.

Urban Alchemy will operate the site at 6767 N. Syracuse St., near the University of Portland, officials said. Construction is nearing completion but the city has not set an opening date.

The city agreed to pay Urban Alchemy up to \$5.6 million to operate the North Portland safe rest village through Dec. 31, 2024. That pricing agreement was part of the contract worth up to \$50 million that Urban Alchemy was already awarded for the mass pod site they will manage.

Once the village is operational, the city will begin conversations with neighbors and businesses to create a good neighbor agreement for the site, officials said.



**A safe rest village, much like this one along Multnomah Boulevard in Southwest Portland, is slated to open in North Portland and be operated by California-based Urban Alchemy.** *Dave Killen, file*

Commissioner Dan Ryan, who first proposed creation of safe rest villages in 2021, said his office is happy to add Urban Alchemy to the list of nonprofits operating

other villages around the city.

"My team and I have seen firsthand how Urban Alchemy's shelters work, how they provide services and support for those sheltered there and how their approach fosters community and stability to those experiencing homelessness," Ryan said. "The City of Portland is lucky to bring this type of experience to the mix of talented local service providers."

Portland and the rest of Multnomah County are home to an estimated 3,000 people who live unsheltered, including in tents, cars and RVs. The county, the city and the joint city-county homelessness agency have undertaken initiatives to house people and to provide temporary shelter. The county is the primary provider of supportive services intended to help people find and maintain housing, while the city provides acute responses to people in crisis and also cleans up or sweeps large encampments.

Like the city-run villages already in operation, the North Portland one will offer people 8-by-8 foot tiny homes with twin-sized beds, air conditioning, heat and a locked door. Supportive services to help people transition to long-term housing will also be offered on site.

The current villages currently serve 30 to 50 people each. This new one will have 60 tiny homes, the largest yet.

This will be the fourth of Ryan's six planned villages, with two operating so far. Initially all six were slated to be operating by the end of 2021. The third village, the only safe sleep site of the group, does not yet have an opening date. It will be operated by the Salvation Army on Northeast Sunderland Avenue near Portland

International Airport.

The safe rest village team has also relocated and transitioned two temporary COVID-19 pod sites into safe rest villages. Those include the BIPOC and Queer Affinity villages.

The county operates significantly more shelter beds than does the city, including at converted motels, in congregate indoor shelters and other tiny home communities.

On April 19, the city awarded Urban Alchemy a five-year \$50 million contract to manage a planned 150-person tent and pod site. Initially, the city planned for the mass alternative shelter site at 1490 SE Gideon Street to include tents that would provide a place to sleep for up to 150 people. But following a directive from Gov. Tina Kotek, who said tents were not considered safe, habitable shelter, the city committed to placing 140 state-funded sleeping pods at the site. The pods will likely be similar to the tiny homes that are used at the city's safe rest villages.

"We are honored to continue to grow our presence in Oregon and be an invaluable partner in creating peace so that some of the most vulnerable people have the support they need," said Lena Miller, Urban Alchemy founder.

Urban Alchemy's track record of failing to place more than a tiny fraction of residents into permanent homes, prior lawsuits and safety practices have been called into question by advocates, unhoused people and lawyers.

But as the city struggled to find local nonprofits to run the mass camp and the final safe rest villages, Urban Alchemy was chosen to help fill that void.

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## POLITICS

### Knight contributes \$2M more to help elect Republicans

Nike co-founder Phil Knight has contributed \$2 million more to help Republicans gain seats in the Oregon Legislature.

Knight made the donation April 4 to the Bring Balance to Salem PAC, which aims to elect Republicans to the Legislature, campaign finance records show. The donation was disclosed Thursday in accordance with campaign finance rules.

The donation came after Knight contributed \$2 million to the same political action committee last year as Republican donors pumped money into legislative races, helping Republicans end Democrats' supermajority in the Legislature.

Altogether, the Bring Balance committee spent \$5 million in 2022 on its cause.

It's very early for donors to be giving money to influence fall 2024 legislative races, with the 2023 legislative session still underway.

Before the newest donation, Knight's most recent donation to a political action committee was in October when he donated \$500,000 to help Republican Christine Drazen in her bid for governor. In total, he gave \$1.5 million to Drazen last year after it became clear unaffiliated candidate Betsy Johnson didn't have a shot at winning the governor's race. Despite his donations, Democrat Tina Kotek prevailed in the November election to become Oregon's governor. *Jamie Goldberg*



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## Sheriff's office seeks info on 'suspicious' Polk County death

Jonathan Williams  
Salem Statesman Journal  
USA TODAY NETWORK



Webster

The Polk County Sheriff's Office is asking the public for information related to the death of a Milwaukie woman found on Harmony Road near Mill Creek that police are calling suspicious.

Bridget Webster's body was found the afternoon of April 30 on Harmony Road in Polk County, according to po-

lice. The sheriff's office did not say how old Webster is.

The sheriff's office said the last area Webster was known to frequent was Portland, Oregon City and Milwaukie in the metro area.

Anyone with information or who knew Webster is asked to contact Detective Martin Watson at 503-623-7550.

## GOP subpoenas FBI for Biden records on 'scheme'

Farnoush Amiri  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A top House Republican subpoenaed FBI Director Christopher Wray on Wednesday for what he claimed are bureau records related to President Joe Biden and his family, basing the demand on newly surfaced allegations he said an unnamed whistleblower made to Congress.

The White House said it was the latest example in the yearslong series of "unfounded, unproven" political attacks against Biden by Republicans "floating anonymous innuendo."

Kentucky Rep. James Comer, chairman of the House Oversight Committee and Accountability, is seeking a specific FBI form from June 2020 that is a report of conversations or interactions with a confidential source. Comer, in a letter to Wray with Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, said that "it has come to our attention" that the bureau has such a document that "describes an alleged criminal scheme" involving Biden and a foreign national "relating to the exchange of money for policy decisions" when Biden was vice president and includes "a precise description" about it.

The subpoena seeks all so-called FD-1023 forms and accompanying attachments and documents.

The lawmakers used the word "alleged" three times in the opening paragraph of the letter and offered no evidence of the veracity of the accusations or any details about what they contend are "highly credible unclassified whis-

blower disclosures."

Comer and Grassley said those "disclosures" demand further investigation, and they want to know whether the FBI investigated and, if so, what agents found.

To the White House, the subpoena is further evidence of how congressional Republicans long "have been lobbing unfounded, unproven, politically motivated attacks" against the Bidens "without offering evidence for their claims or evidence of decisions influenced by anything other than U.S. interests."

The FBI and Justice Department confirmed receiving the subpoena but declined to comment further. The president's personal lawyers had no comment.

Republicans claim they have amassed evidence in recent years that raise questions about whether Biden and his family have used their public positions for private gain.

Comer has not revealed much about the findings of his investigation so far. Most recently, Comer claimed one deal involving the Biden family resulted in a profit of over \$1 million in more than 15 incremental payments from a Chinese company through a third party.

Last month, an IRS special agent sought whistleblower protections from Congress to disclose a "failure to mitigate clear conflicts of interest in the ultimate disposition" of a criminal investigation related to the younger Biden's taxes and whether he made a false statement in connection with a gun purchase.



The new location for Dave's Hot Chicken is seen Wednesday in Salem.  
BRIAN HAYES/STATESMAN JOURNAL

## Dave's Hot Chicken opening new Salem location this week

En Chan  
Salem Statesman Journal  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Dave's Hot Chicken is bringing the heat to Salem and will hold a grand opening on Friday.

The Salem location for the Los Angeles-based chicken chain had been in development for almost two years. Franchisee owner Alex Karcher said he's excited to see the restaurant open as its timing coincides with the franchise's sixth birthday. For the grand opening, the first 100 customers will receive a key chain and temporary tattoos.

Dave's Hot Chicken began in 2017 as a hot chicken sandwich pop-up at a parking lot in East Hollywood by Dave Kopushyan, Arman Oganesyan, Tommy Rubenyan and Gary Rubenyan. Since then, it has grown into a brick and mortar with more than 100 locations in the U.S. and internationally. In addition to the new Salem location, there are four other locations in Oregon in Tualatin, Beaverton, Portland and Clackamas.

The menu is simple, offering hot chicken tenders and sliders with sides like French fries, cheese fries, kale slaw and macaroni and cheese. Soft drinks, water and milkshakes are also available.

Despite the emphasis on "hot chicken," Dave's offers a range of no spice



Dave's Hot Chicken offers a simple menu of chicken tenders, sliders, and sides. BRIAN HAYES/STATESMAN JOURNAL

and extremely hot spices on the chicken. The hottest option is the reaper, which includes Carolina Reaper peppers in the sauce.

The interior of the restaurant has touches of Salem in addition to the bright red, street fashion-forward interior. The murals and graffiti art were done by LA-based artist and creative collective Dehmq and Splatterhaus.

The location has inside seating and a drive thru.

Hours: 11 a.m. - 12 a.m., Sunday to Thursday; 11 a.m. - 1 a.m., Friday and Saturday

Address: 3817 Center St. NE

En Chan covers food and dining at the Statesman Journal. You can reach her at [echan@gannett.com](mailto:echan@gannett.com), follow her on Twitter @catchuptoemily or see what she's eating on Instagram @silkfanmai.ah.

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