

## **Denny Doyle, Mayor**

May 15, 2020

Chair Megan Decker Public Utility Commission of Oregon 201 High Street SE, Suite 100 Salem, OR 97301-3398

Re: Oregon Public Utility Commission Public Meeting May 19, 2020, Regular Agenda Item #3 -PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC Docket No. ADV 1112/Advice No. 20-09 – Public Hearing & Commissioner Work Session on Schedule 136 Oregon Community Solar Cost Recovery Mechanism Update.

Dear Chair Decker:

The City of Beaverton enthusiastically supports the proposed updates to Portland General Electric's (PGE) Schedule 136 Oregon Community Solar Cost Recovery Mechanism. Oregon's community solar program is vital to meeting our greenhouse gas reduction goals. This update to Schedule 136 would spread the costs of the community solar program among all of PGE's customers, ensuring the transition to a clean economy is fairer and that all those benefiting contribute.

The update to Schedule 136 would enable PGE to recover community solar bill credit payment costs—in addition to start-up and administrative costs—from all classes of customer, including from large customers that have opted to have their electricity produced by an entity other than the public utility, which in Beaverton's case is PGE. As all customers will benefit from the decarbonization enabled by Oregon's legislatively mandated Community Solar program, it is only fair that all customers should contribute to the costs. Spreading the costs among all customers will also ensure that low-income and vulnerable citizens are not unfairly burdened with more than their fair share, which is even more important as we respond to the COVID-19 crisis.

The City of Beaverton believes that Oregon's community solar program will help us achieve our greenhouse gas reduction goals. It is also essential that we ensure that the transition to a clean energy economy is fair and affordable.

We urge your approval of PGE's update to Schedule 136 and thank you for your full and fair consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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