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## Docket No. UM 1976 – PGE Smart Grid Testbed

PUC Staff invites stakeholders to submit written comments on <u>Portland General Electric's (PGE)</u> <u>Smart Grid Testbed Phase II Proposal</u> (Proposal), filed in Docket No. UM 1976 on October 1, 2021.

The Testbed was established in 2019 to accelerate PGE's acquisition of demand response resources. Phase I of the Testbed is ending in 2021. PGE has developed this proposal for Phase II in consultation with the Demand Response Review Committee. While Phase I focused on customer value proposition, Phase II will focus on integration of new flexible load technologies. PGE's Proposal describes the Testbed's history, Phase I results, Phase II research areas and implementation plan, and three specific demonstration project proposals.

Staff invites comments on any aspect of the Proposal, and is particularly interested in stakeholder feedback on the three demonstration projects described in Appendices A-C of the Proposal.

Staff will incorporate stakeholder feedback into its final recommendation to the Commission. The Commission is expected to consider approval of PGE's Proposal at the PUC's November 16, 2021, public meeting.

Please email comments to <u>puc.hearings@puc.oregon.gov</u>. The deadline for comments is October 27, 2021, at 5 pm.