#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

#### **OF OREGON**

UE 416

In the Matter of

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PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY,

Request for a General Rate Revision.

MOTION TO ADD LAUREN MCCLOY AS A JOINT SPONSOR OF NATURAL RESOURCE DEFENSE COUNCIL AND NW ENERGY COALITION'S OPENING AND REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

2 Pursuant to ORS 183.417 and OAR 860-001-0480, the Natural Resources Defense 3 Council ("NRDC") and NW Energy Coalition ("NWEC," together "NRDC/NWEC") hereby 4 move the Commission to accept Lauren McCloy's Declaration that explains that she assisted 5 with the preparation of NRDC/NWEC's Opening and Rebuttal Testimony in UE 416. 6 NRDC/NWEC seeks to add Lauren McCloy as a joint sponsor of NRDC/NWEC's Opening and Rebuttal Testimony in order to provide the Commission the opportunity to ask 7 8 Lauren McCloy questions at Oral Argument in UE 416. No party objected to NRDC/NWEC's 9 motion to add Lauren McCloy as a joint sponsor of its Opening and Rebuttal Testimony.<sup>2</sup> 10 WHEREFORE, NRDC/NWEC respectfully requests the Commission accept Lauren 11 McCloy as a joint sponsor of NRDC/NWEC's Opening and Rebuttal Testimony.

DATED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> NRDC/NWEC's Opening Testimony was filed with the Commission on June 23, 2023 (conditionally accepted) and accepted on June 28, 2023. NRDC/NWEC's Rebuttal Testimony was filed on August 22, 2023.

<sup>2</sup> Parties were emailed on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 3:06 pm and any objections were requested by 2:30 pm

on Friday, September 8, 2023. The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board, Calpine Solutions, Portland General Electric, AWEC, NewSun Energy, Walmart, Community Energy Project, Oregon Public Utility Commission Staff, and Small Business Utility Advocates stated no objection to NRDC/NWEC's Motion.

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DECLARATION OF LAUREN MCCLOY AS A JOINT SPONSOR OF NATURAL RESOURCE DEFENSE COUNCIL AND NW ENERGY COALITION'S OPENING AND REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

- This Declaration, by Lauren McCloy, explains that Lauren McCloy assisted with the preparation of the Natural Resources Defense Council ("NRDC") and NW Energy Coalition ("NWEC," together "NRDC/NWEC") Opening and Rebuttal Testimony submitted in the above-referenced docket.
  - I, Lauren McCloy, do declare the following, if called to testify, would and could completely testify thereto:

I am the Policy Director for the NW Energy Coalition (NWEC), and my business address is 811 1st Ave, Suite 305, Seattle, WA 98104. I have over nine years of climate and energy policy experience. As Policy Director for NW Energy Coalition, I support and guide the Coalition's policy work in Washington, as well as Oregon, Idaho, and Montana, and also our work on regional and federal issues, including regional planning, markets, and federal infrastructure funding. Previously, I worked as Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Jay Inslee, where I led and managed a broad range of issues in support of the Governor's energy priorities. Prior to serving in that role, I was the Legislative Director for the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("UTC" or "Commission"), where I served as the Commission's liaison to the state

1 Legislature and the Governor's office, coordinated the UTC's legislative activities, and advised

2 Commissioners on energy policy and legislative issues. Before joining the UTC's policy staff, I

- 3 worked as a Compliance Investigator in the UTC's Consumer Protection Division. My
- 4 background and first-hand experience are the basis for my expertise and qualifications to testify
- 5 as an expert on the issues raised in my testimony. I completed Utility Regulation 101 training
- 6 with the National Regulatory Research Institute in 2015 and Rate Spread and Rate Design
- 7 training with EUCI in 2016. I have a B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 8 and an M.S. in International Development from Tulane University Law School. My Curriculum
- 9 Vitae is attached.
- In PGE's prior General Rate Case, UE 394, NWEC and Natural Resources Defense
- 11 Council (NRDC) intervened (with limitations)<sup>1</sup> to oppose the Parties' Partial Stipulation because
- 12 it would "eliminate 'revenue decoupling' for PGE." I represented NWEC in this proceeding and
- answered questions from the Commission at Oral Argument.<sup>3</sup>
- In Order 22-129, the Commission directed PGE in its next General Rate Case to "more
- 15 fully justify why the Commission should not implement a decoupling mechanism to incent
- electric efficiency" and that "continued examination is warranted to consider the role of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> UE 394, Order No. 22-129, In the Matter of Portland General Electric Company, Request for a General Rate Revision 3 (April, 25, 2022), <a href="https://apps.puc.state.or.us/orders/2022ords/22-129.pdf">https://apps.puc.state.or.us/orders/2022ords/22-129.pdf</a> ("On February 9, 2022, NRDC and NWEC filed a letter objecting to the provision in the third partial stipulation that would terminate PGE's revenue decoupling mechanism. NRDC and NWEC filed a petition to intervene on February 11, 2022. In a February 17, 2022 ruling, the Chief Administrative Law Judge granted NRDC and NWEC's petition to intervene with limitations, and adopted modifications to the procedural schedule to allow for response to NRDC and NWEC's objection, a reply from NRDC and NWEC, and the opportunity for oral argument.")

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> UE 394, NRDC/NWEC Letter to the Commissioners Re: Objection to Proposed Termination of PGE's Revenue Decoupling Mechanism in the Partial Stipulation Filed in UE 394 1 (Feb. 9, 2022), <a href="https://edocs.puc.state.or.us/efdocs/HNA/ue394hna15190.pdf">https://edocs.puc.state.or.us/efdocs/HNA/ue394hna15190.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> UE 394, NRDC/NWEC Notice of Intent to Participate in March 14, 2022 Oral Argument by the Natural Resources Defense Council and the NW Energy Coalition (March 10, 2022), <a href="https://edocs.puc.state.or.us/efdocs/HAH/ue394hah16258.pdf">https://edocs.puc.state.or.us/efdocs/HAH/ue394hah16258.pdf</a>.

- decoupling," especially in light of transportation electrification investments. 4 NRDC and NWEC
- 2 are parties in UE 416 to support the reinstatement of PGE's revenue decoupling mechanism.
- 3 I assisted with preparing NRDC/NWEC's Opening and Rebuttal Testimony submitted by
- 4 Ralph Cavanagh in UE 416 and am a joint sponsor of the Opening<sup>5</sup> and Rebuttal Testimony. 6 I
- 5 will be available for questions from the Commission on NRDC/NWEC's Testimony at Oral
- 6 Argument.
- 7 Signed and Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.
- 8 /s/ Lauren McCloy
- 9 Lauren McCloy
- 10 Policy Director
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<sup>4</sup> UE 394, Order No. 22-129, In the Matter of Portland General Electric Company, Request for a General Rate Revision 17 (April, 25, 2022), <a href="https://apps.puc.state.or.us/orders/2022ords/22-129.pdf">https://apps.puc.state.or.us/orders/2022ords/22-129.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> UE 416, NRDC/NWEC Opening Testimony, In the Matter of Portland General Electric Company, Request for a General Rate Revision (June 23, 2023 (conditionally accepted), June 28, 2023 (accepted), https://edocs.puc.state.or.us/efdocs/HTB/ue416htb16333.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> UE 416, NRDC/NWEC Rebuttal Testimony, In the Matter of Portland General Electric Company, Request for a General Rate Revision (August 22, 2023), https://edocs.puc.state.or.us/efdocs/HTB/ue416htb123847.pdf.

### Lauren Craig McCloy

#### **SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS**

Strong research, analytical, project management, and communication skills; experience working with and managing diverse groups; knowledge of energy technologies, markets, environmental policies, programs, regulatory environment; advanced degree with coursework in economics, statistics, law and public policy; traveler and volunteer

#### **EDUCATION**

Tulane University Law School: M.S. International Development (May 2011) University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill: B.A. in History (Aug. 2005)

#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### Policy Director | NW Energy Coalition | Seattle, WA | Feb. 2021 - present

Guided the Coalition's policy staff work on priorities in the four Northwest states; Engaged directly with Governor's offices, executive agencies, state Legislators, Congressional offices, and state utility commissions on policy and regulatory issues; Collaborated with Coalition board, members, and allies on energy planning, program, and market issues throughout the region and the West.

### Senior Energy Policy Advisor | Office of Governor Jay Inslee | Olympia, WA | Oct. 2017 - Jan. 2021

Advised Governor Inslee and executive team on an array of clean energy and climate policy issues; crafted and shepherded legislative and budget proposals, including the 2019 Washington Clean Energy Transformation Act; guided executive branch energy policy implementation; collaborated and engaged with stakeholders, legislators, and regional partners on energy issues; represented the administration at public events

## Legislative Director / Energy Policy Advisor | Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) | Olympia, WA | Jan. 2014 – Oct. 2017

Advised utility commission on an array of energy policy issues, analyzed testimony in administrative proceedings and prepared briefing materials, drafted administrative orders, staff investigation reports, and policy statements. Developed agency legislative strategy; managed development and submittal of agency request legislation and reports; testified at legislative hearings, represented UTC in development of state policy initiatives

#### Compliance Investigator | WUTC | Olympia, WA | May-Dec. 2013

Conducted investigations of regulated companies to determine compliance with consumer protection rules and laws and testified at hearings

Committee Assistant | Senate Ways & Means Committee | Olympia, WA | Jan. - May 2013 Produced member bill books and budget documents, published agendas, managed public testimony sign-in application; provided research support to committee staff

Practice Assistant | Stoel Rives LLP, Energy Development Group | Seattle, WA | Mar. – Dec. 2012 Tracked regulatory and policy developments in the energy industry; drafted energy law newsletters, blogs, and client correspondence; prepared legal filings and presentations

#### Policy Intern | Northwest SEED | Seattle, WA | Aug. 2011 - Mar. 2012

Tracked and analyzed energy legislation; drafted testimony and comments on WUTC rulemakings and reports from government agencies, created database of members and allies; executed email marketing campaigns and membership recruitment efforts

Solar Coordinator | Alliance for Affordable Energy | New Orleans, LA | Sept. 2010 - Aug. 2011 Fulfilled the Alliance's deliverables under contract with the City of New Orleans for the U.S. Department of Energy's Solar America Cities Program

Solar Tech / Co-owner | South Coast Solar / SSI | New Orleans, LA | Aug. 2008 - Sept. 2010 Sold, designed, and installed photovoltaic and solar hot water systems in the Greater New Orleans area.

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Council on Germany: McCloy Fellow on Global Trends (2017)
National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC): Vice Chair of the Staff Subcommittee on International Relations (2017)
North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners: Certified PV Installer (2010)
Energy Efficiency Specialist: Delgado Community College, New Orleans, LA (2009)

#### **COMPUTER SKILLS**

Microsoft Office (Word, Powerpoint, Excel, Outlook), Adobe Acrobat, SPSS, Salesforce, Google Docs, Sharepoint, WordPress, social media and email marketing applications