## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

## **OF OREGON**

## LC 73

In the Matter of	) )
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY	)
2019 Integrated Resource Plan	) ) )

RENEWABLE ENERGY COALITION'S PETITION TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to ORS § 756.525 and OAR § 860-001-0300(2), the Renewable Energy

Coalition ("Coalition") petitions the Oregon Public Utility Commission (the

"Commission") to intervene and appear with full party status. In support of this petition

to intervene, Coalition provides the following information:

The name and address of Coalition is:

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Sanger Thompson PC will represent Coalition in this proceeding. All documents relating to these proceedings should be served on the following persons at the addresses listed below:

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Coalition was established in 2009, and is comprised of nearly forty members who own and operate over fifty qualifying facilities or are attempting to develop new projects ("QFs") in Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Utah, Montana and Wyoming.

PGE's 2019 integrated resource plan ("IRP") could have a direct and substantial impact on Coalition's members. The IRP represents PGE's commitment to develop a long-term resource plan that considers cost, risk, uncertainty, and the long-run public interest. The IRP will form the foundation for PGE's future generation, demand side management, and transmission investments.

The IRP will impact PGE's retail rates as well as its avoided cost rates for QFs that sell power under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act ("PURPA"). Coalition's members are QFs that have (or intend to have) power purchase agreements ("PPAs") with Oregon utilities with rates based on its avoided costs. Most of Coalition members are existing projects that have operating and selling to utilities for numerous years; however, many Coalition members are attempting to construct new renewable energy projects. Without participation, Coalition would not have the ability to participate in the proceeding, which could result in material harm to its members.

## **REC PETITION TO INTERVENE**

Coalition has participated in numerous regulatory proceedings intended to promote competitive markets, PURPA, renewable energy, and diversity of generation ownership, including all the recent major proceedings regarding qualifying facility contract and rate eligibility. Coalition's intervention will assist the Commission in resolving the issues and will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or delay this proceeding. Finally, Coalition's interest is not adequately represented by any other party in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Coalition respectfully requests that the Commission grant its petition to intervene with full party status in this proceeding and to appear and participate in all matters as may be necessary and appropriate; and to present evidence, call and examine witnesses, cross-examine witnesses, present argument, and to otherwise fully participate in the proceedings.

Dated this 28th day of May 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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