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### VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Public Utility Commission of Oregon Attn: Filing Center 201 High St., SE, Suite 100 Salem, OR 97301

Subject: In the Matter of PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

Request to Update is Schedule 201 and Standard Power Purchase Agreements

Docket No. UM 1987

Dear Filing Center:

Please find enclosed Evergreen Biopower, LLC's Petition to Intervene with full party status in Docket No. UM 1987.

Sincerely,

/s/Ken Kaufmann Ken Kaufmann, Attorney at Law Attorney for Evergreen Biopower, LLC

Enclosure

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

**DOCKET NO. UM 1987** 

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY,

Request to Update its Schedule 201 and Standard Power Purchase Agreements

Evergreen BioPower, LLC's Petition to Intervene

#### I. Introduction

Evergreen BioPower, LLC (Evergreen) is a subsidiary of Freres Lumber Company, Inc. (Freres), a fourth-generation, family-owned business employing more than 450 persons in Mill City and Lyons, Linn County. Through Evergreen, Freres owns and operates a 10-megawatt (MW) biomass facility at its Lyons mill. Evergreen burns wood waste and mill by-products to create steam for power generation and other plant uses. Waste heat from the steam turbine-generator is recaptured to use in mill operations (a highly efficient use of energy known as "cogeneration"). Evergreen is a QF under PURPA and ORS Chapter 858, and is eligible for PGE's Schedule 201 standard renewable prices and standard power purchase agreement. Evergreen respectfully petitions to intervene in this docket.

### II. Petition to Intervene

Evergreen hereby petitions to intervene with full party status in the above-captioned docket. In support of this petition, Evergreen provides the information specified in OAR § 860-001-0300(2):

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Name and Address of Petitioner:

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Nature and Extent of Petitioner's Interest in Proceeding:

Evergreen sells net output to PGE under an off-system non-variable renewable Schedule

201 PPA. The outcome of this proceeding may affect Evergreen's ability to sell net output to

PGE in the future. Evergreen recently became aware through its pending complaint, in Docket

No. UM 1998, of PGE's proposed changes to how it accounts for imbalances between scheduled

and delivered energy from off-system QFs. PGE's proposed changes are not consistent with

PacifiCorp's settlement framework set forth in its Addendum W, would be harmful to QFs, and

would not comply with PURPA.

<u>Issues Petitioners Expects to Raise:</u>

Evergreen expects to object to PGE's proposal for settling imbalances between scheduled

and delivered energy from an off-system QF. Evergreen may wish to comment on other aspects

of PGE's proposed changes.

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Special Knowledge of Petitioner:

Evergreen is one of the only biomass-fueled cogeneration facilities with a standard

Oregon PPA. It has sold net output under a standard PPA to both PacifiCorp and PGE and has

special knowledge of the issues affecting small biomass generators seeking standard PURPA

contracts. Evergreen's legal counsel has negotiated more than one-hundred Oregon standard

PPAs on behalf of utilities and qualifying facilities and is familiar with PURPA and the

Commission's related orders.

For the foregoing reasons Evergreen respectfully requests to intervene in the above-

captioned docket.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Kenneth E. Kaufmann

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