BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 2273

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON,

Investigation Into House Bill 2021
Implementation Issues

COALITION OF COMMUNITY OF

COLOR'S

PETITION TO INTERVENE

Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC) petitions to intervene in UM 227 and provides the following information in support of this Petition for Intervention:

1. Contact Information for Petitioner and designated person(s) for service list:

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2. CCC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to support a collective racial justice effort to improve outcomes for communities of color through policy analysis and advocacy, environmental justice, and culturally-appropriate data and research. CCC is an alliance of 18 culturally-specific community based organizations with representation from African, African American, Asian and Pacific Islander, Latine, Middle Eastern and North African, Native American, and Slavic communities. CCC is strongly rooted in Oregon's communities of color

- with more than a decade of experience building intentional relationships across communities and organizations of color.
- 3. CCC was part of the coalition of organizations who helped lead, shape, and pass HB 2021. In the Fall of 2022, CCC, Verde, Oregon Just Transition Alliance, NW Energy Coalition, Multnomah County Office of Sustainability, and Rogue Climate began co-facilitating a cohort of community members from across Oregon to engage in HB 2021 implementation advocacy and advocacy for climate and environmental justice in PUC processes more broadly. Participants share their stories, experiences, and priorities around energy affordability, community climate resilience, and utility planning. CCC and co-facilitating partners aim to communicate utility planning processes to community members, and make these processes more accessible for community members to engage in them.
- 4. CCC will monitor this proceeding alongside other partners and raise issues relevant to those identified in Order No 23-194 and will advocate for the equitable implementation of HB 2021 to expand access to clean energy and to ensure that utility resource planning delivers benefits to low-income, communities of color and environmental justice communities. CCC is also part of a coalition of advocates, Energy Advocates, and will engage in this docket within this group as well.
- 5. CCC has experience representing the interests of environmental justice communities, including low-income customers. CCC has gained expertise in utility climate planning and energy affordability, both locally and statewide, and has built partnerships with other community and energy justice advocates to elevate environmental justice priorities within PUC. Over the past 3 years, CCC has done so in the following dockets:
- UM 2225 (Investigation into HB 2021 Clean Energy Plans)
- UM 2114 (Customer Protections from Disconnections)
- UG 435 (NW Natural Rate Revision)
- UM 2005 (Investigation into Distribution System Planning)

• UM 2211 (Implementation of HB 2475)

CCC respectfully requests to participate in this proceeding as an intervener in accordance with OAR 860-001-0300.

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