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Public Utility Commission of Oregon, Attn: Filing Center
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RE: Order No. 19-075 – Customer Comment on Portland General Electric’s Green Future Impact Product

At the City of Salem, we’re delighted to have signed up for a 15-year commitment to Green Future Impact, the green tariff product offered by Portland General Electric. We’re equally appreciative for the support that the Oregon Public Utility Commission provided to PGE as they developed the product.

Participation in Green Future Impact is valuable to our organization because it will help Salem work toward the commitment in our strategic plan to reduce our impact on the environment. Salem is currently undertaking its first greenhouse gas inventory as part of the Comprehensive Plan update project called Our Salem. Purchasing power from a new 100% renewable energy facility located here in Oregon will be one step toward reducing our carbon footprint and providing a healthier environment for Salem’s residents.

We are proud to partner with PGE and its Green Future Impact Program. It allows the City to cost-effectively increase its use of abundant, renewable energy to a total of more than 80%. This is a win for everyone because:

- We can source 100% renewable energy from a local facility.
- It’s important to participate and help bring a new clean energy resource online in Oregon, providing a tangible tie to both a green energy facility and the accompanying Renewable Energy Credits.
- It will benefit Oregon more broadly by contributing to cleaner energy for our future and the health of our green energy economy.
- It makes economic sense and provides a predictable price for a desired term.

We support Green Future Impact and encourage the Oregon Public Utility Commission to approve of PGE’s engagement with customers and the way that it worked to find an appropriate renewable resource that met our specific needs.

Sincerely,

Chuck Bennett
Mayor

