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**Re: OPUC Docket No. ADV 859**

November 16, 2018

Dear Chair Decker, Commissioner Bloom and Commissioner Tawney,

The City of Portland is pleased to submit this letter in support of Portland General Electric's Testbed Proposal. The Testbed objectives and outcomes support the City's climate action goals, which are specifically outlined in the 2015 Climate Action Plan and in the 100 Percent Renewables resolution, passed by Portland City Council in 2017. We understand that the deployment and integration of energy efficiency, demand response and distributed energy resources are critical to PGE's efforts to decarbonize the electricity system. The City is excited to partner and learn about smart grid deployment alongside PGE in this important effort.

The City has participated in the Demand Response Review Committee and in that capacity, will continue to work with PGE to ensure that a social equity lens is applied consistently throughout the Testbed. The City's equity mission and goals drive our climate work; it's paramount to this work that low-income and people of color communities participate in and benefit from the learnings and innovation of these pilots. It's also critical that vulnerable communities not be exposed unnecessarily to innovation risk. The City looks forward to collaborating with PGE, the Commission and other partners to achieve greater awareness and understanding together of how social equity and environmental justice intersect with the Testbed.

We respectfully encourage the Commission to approve PGE's Testbed proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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