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Public Utility Commission of Oregon 550 Capital Street NE, #215 PO Box 2148 Salem, OR 97308

Dear Commissioners:

The Portland Business Alliance, an intervener in LC 48, would like to offer the following comments on the Staff Report.

We strongly support staff's recommendation that the Commission acknowledge PGE's 2020 operating plan for the Boardman Power Plant as part of the IRP. PGE has completed extensive analysis of the various emissions control options under discussion for Boardman, and it is our belief that a reasonable plan on the 2020 timeframe will provide the best balance of cost and risk for PGE customers while achieving significant environmental benefits for Oregon. PGE has made every effort to be responsive to stakeholder concerns and has produced a strong, responsible proposal that it should be allowed to implement.

We appreciate staff's acknowledgement as well that the DEQ 2015/2016 option for Boardman is not an acceptable or realistic proposal. We do not believe advocates of a 2015/2016 closure for the Boardman plant have offered any credible reason to expect that reliable and affordable replacement resources can be acquired or built within such a short timeframe.

The Alliance is heartened by the progress that has been made in finding common ground among interveners and PGE to identify Boardman replacement resource options to be considered by the Commission in its Integrated Resource Planning process. The Alliance welcomes and supports the continued efforts to seek agreement in this area.

Thank you for your consideration of comments.

Sincerely,

Bernie Bottomly Vice President

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day caused comments to be served by electronic mail to those parties whose email addresses appear on the attached service list and by First Class US Mail, postage prepaid and properly addressed, to those parties on the attached service list who have not waived paper service from OPUC Docket No. LC 48.

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