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Public Utilities Commission,

I am writing today to provide public comments regarding small commercial customers, particularly around service to underrepresented, Native American, Black, Indigenous, Latino/a/x, Asian and Pacific Islander, and BIPOC communities.

My comments are on behalf of the Community Chamber Coalition of Oregon (CCCO). The Community Chamber Coalition of Oregon consists of culturally specific business chambers Black American Chamber of Commerce (BACC), Jesse Hyatt, Executive Director; Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber of Oregon (HMC), Carmen G. Castro, Executive Director; Oregon Native American Chamber (ONAC), James Alan Parker, Executive Director; and the Philippine American Chamber of Commerce (PACCO), Janice Mason, President.

Small commercial customers have continued to experience impacts of COVID-19 including business closures and restrictions.

The Commission should ask Commission Staff to report a fuller picture of the small commercial customer impacts including all the COVID-19 utility expenses related to just the small commercial customers.

The Commission should ask Commission Staff to focus at a minimum, convene a small commercial focused workshop, on how to eliminate the COVID-19 bad debt of small commercial customers.

Our position aligns with the Small Business Utility Advocates.

Please do not hesitate to reach out for additional information.

Thank you,

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