

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON
UM 1811**

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
COMPANY

Application for Transportation Electrification
Programs

Petition to Intervene

The Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (“TriMet”) petitions to intervene in this proceeding pursuant to Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 860-01-0300. In support of this petition, TriMet provides the following:

- a) The name and address of the Company is:

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- b) The names and addresses of the persons to be included in the official service list in this proceeding are:

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- c) TriMet is the regional operator of public transit in the Portland metro area, a special district of the State of Oregon governed by a 7-member Board appointed by the governor. TriMet serves a population of approximately 1.5 million in the 533 square miles of the urban portion of the three-county Portland metropolitan area. It provides a full range of services through five light rail lines (MAX), 79 bus routes, and a commuter rail line (WES). In FY16, TriMet's bus ridership was over 60 million and its rail ridership was over 40 million. TriMet also provides a door-to-door LIFT service for qualified persons with mobility challenges who are unable to ride on TriMet's fixed route services.
- d) On December 27, 2016, PGE filed a proposal for a transportation electrification program, as was required by Section 20(3) of Senate Bill 1547, codified at Oregon Laws 2016, chapter 028, sections 20 and 29, and the Commission's newly promulgated administrative rules. OAR 860-087-0030(2). PGE's proposal is intended to accelerate the use of electrification as a transportation fuel in the State of Oregon through multiple pilot programs and marketing efforts. TriMet is proposing to partner with PGE under its proposed electrification program on a fully electric five bus pilot. This effort is partially funded by a Federal Transit Administration's Low and No Emissions Vehicle Deployment (Low-No) program grant to enable TriMet to develop firsthand experience with fully electric buses to inform TriMet's bus electrification strategy. Accordingly, the outcome of this proceeding may impact the future business of TriMet in PGE's service area. TriMet therefore requests leave to intervene in this Docket to represent its interests.
- e) TriMet intends to provide input on and support for the specific program proposal on which we plan to partner with PGE. TriMet's intervention in this proceeding will assist the Commission in resolving the issues in this proceeding and will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay this proceeding.
- f) TriMet intends to monitor the proceeding and, if necessary, raise issues that are appropriate to the proceeding. TriMet is uniquely able to represent the interest and perspective of the state's largest public transportation operator, as the Commission engages more expansively in the transportation

sector generally and mass transit specifically through this docket. As the project partner, TriMet brings unique knowledge of the needs of the proposed program and using this knowledge can assist the Commission in resolving the issues in the proceedings. No other party could adequately represent the interests of TriMet.

Accordingly, TriMet's petition to intervene should be granted.

DATED this 10th day of February, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernie Bottomly