



IBEW Local 125

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

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Oregon Public Utility Commission
201 High St., SE Suite 100
Salem, OR 97301

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 125 represents approximately 4,000 members in the Pacific Northwest's construction and utility industry. We are writing to express our support for Portland General Electric Company's rate review request. We understand that most of PGE's request is to fund projects needed to strengthen their system and replace aging infrastructure. PGE's efforts will greatly accelerate the transition to cleaner generation and allow the crucial work of making the electrical grid more resilient to continue. IBEW members were frontline workers during the major winter storm last January and have seen firsthand how extreme weather events impact our communities. Due to the ever-increasing impacts of significant weather-related events, work needed to improve the system is imperative and should not be delayed. We are seeing events that used to occur every 50 or 100 years now occurring at an unprecedented pace. We understand that high inflation and rising costs across the economy have impacted everyone but would ask the Commission to not impair or delay needed work that is vital for a growing Oregon economy.

Our members take pride in the work that we do to keep the lights on for the millions of Oregonians who rely on us every day and to restore their power when disaster strikes. PGE's investments in building a grid that meets the needs of Oregonians relies on the skilled work of our members from the core of the business for more than 125 years of poles and wires to electric vehicle infrastructure that will support the modern grid of the future.

Members of IBEW Local 125 are Oregonians, many of whom are also customers of PGE and live within the communities they serve. A more resilient and reliable electrical grid is a key piece to solving some of the biggest threats to our communities while also insuring investments that are building the modern grid of the future, providing continued economic growth opportunities for the state. We urge your approval of PGE's request so this important work can continue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Travis Eri".

Travis Eri
Business Manager
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