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The Honorable Chuck Riley
Chairman
Senate Committee on Business and General Government
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for Senate Bill 637 – disposition of utility property

Dear Chair Riley,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide support for SB 637 on behalf of Portland General Electric.

The current statute requires a public utility to complete a filing with the OPUC to request approval for the sale of minor assets or property that are valued in excess of \$100,000. This low dollar threshold creates unnecessary administrative burden both for the utility filing and the Commission to review the applications for sale. We believe this is not the highest and best use of OPUC or utility time and takes away from higher profile policy or ratemaking matters.

The proposed increase to the statutory threshold will increase efficiency while still allowing for the transparency desired with regular reports to the Commission as well as the Commission's continued ratemaking authority regarding the effects of property sales.

Please reach out should we be able to answer any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sania Radcliffe".

Sania Radcliffe
Director of Government Affairs and Environmental Policy