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Chair Jeff Golden
Senate Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery Committee
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for SB 287

Dear Chair Golden, Vice Chair Heard, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for sections 1-6 of SB 287. Portland General Electric (PGE) is a fully integrated electric utility that serves nearly half of all Oregon homes and businesses - almost 900,000 residential, commercial, and industrial customers.

PGE's number one priority is the safety and well-being of our customers, employees, and residents of Oregon. We understand that we have a critical role in reducing the risk of wildfires caused by electrical assets and are approaching this issue with urgency to mitigate the risk of our facilities creating or contributing to wildfire ignitions, to respond to wildfire events, and to recover from wildfire incidents impacting our facilities. PGE began working on developing wildfire mitigation plans to enable us to be better prepared for the increasing intensity and frequency of wildfires in the state. As a result of the EO 20-04, we are also participating in the OPUC's rulemaking for utility wildfire mitigation plans.

In recognition of the ongoing work at the OPUC and of utilities, we have worked with Idaho Power and Pacific Power on language for amendments. The companies' proposed amendment language includes:

- Section 2: A consistency change from "electric companies" to "public utilities that provide electricity" and a change from "consumer-owned utilities" to "municipal electric utilities, people's utility districts organized under ORS chapter 261 that sell electricity, electric cooperatives organized under ORS chapter 62."
- Section 3 (subsections 2-3): A requirement that a utility's wildfire mitigation plan identify areas both within the utility's service territory and outside the service territory but within a reasonable distance at heightened wildfire risk. The intent of this language is to ensure that wildfire mitigation plans cover both our service territory and transmission and distribution corridors outside of our service territory.
- Section 3 (new subsections 6-9): This cost recovery language includes non-bypassability requirements to ensure that all customers pay the costs of wildfire mitigation plan implementation.

- Section 7 (new): This language clarifies that Sections 3 and 4 do not affect the terms or conditions of easements held by an electric utility over private land. This language was included in Senate Bill 1536 from 2020.
- Section 8 (new): This language clarifies that Sections 3 and 5 do not apply to municipal electric utilities organized under Chapter 225.

We look forward to continuing to work with the committee and other stakeholders on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sania Radcliffe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small flourish at the end.

Sania Radcliffe
Director of Government Affairs and Environmental Policy