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SBUA Testimony for HB 2475A Public Hearing before the Oregon Senate Committee for Energy and the Environment.

Chair Beyer and other Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Small Business Utility Advocates in Oregon, known in Oregon Public Utility Commission proceedings as “SBUA” I complete the information in this hearing today for the Record that SBUA represents the interests of small businesses including small commercial customers in Oregon’s energy regulatory proceedings, especially in proceedings involving investor-owned electric and natural gas utilities, and especially regarding rates and terms of service. SBUA has received limited intervenor funding.

While the specific utilities’ schedules may vary in their definition somewhat regarding customer classes, the small commercial customer class is by far the second most numerous in the state among the investor-owned utilities. SBUA contributed to SB 978, and regularly participates as interested person in various dockets, and intervenes in many dockets. It is important to have this representation. For example, SBUA represent as a party these small commercial customers in COVID-19 proceedings involving all the investor-owned utilities, and a recent PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power general rate case, UE 374 and currently related transition adjustment mechanism UE 390. SBUA has represented its constituency in other proceedings including, among others, Portland General Electric General Rate Case UE 294.

SBUA has participated for approximately eight years and has been found to qualify in several for intervenor funding according to the current intervenor funding process and has occasionally received funding through that process along with Citizens Utility Board (CUB), representing residential rate payers and Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (AWEC) representing the industrial customers and others found to qualify.

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Respectfully submitted.