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Re: Senate Bill 1581

Dear Chair Sollman, Vice Chairs, and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 1581 on behalf of Portland General Electric. PGE is a fully integrated electric utility that serves over 900,000 customers with a service area population of 2 million Oregonians in seven counties and 51 incorporated cities.

PGE is an active participant in various conversations around western markets and we recognize that an incremental, evolutionary approach is the best pathway to success for customers and all involved in producing and delivering electricity in the West. We joined the California Independent System Operator (ISO)'s Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) in 2012 and joined the Western Power Pool's Western Resource Adequacy Program (WRAP) in December 2022.

We are actively involved in the recently launched West-Wide Governance Pathway Initiative, a working group to form an independent entity developed to deliver market services throughout the West, including California. The group will explore ways to build on the benefits of the Western Energy Imbalance Market (EIM), realize the potential for the broader footprint of the Extended Day-Ahead Market (EDAM) and enable a path forward for a potential West-wide market that is fully organized. This effort was proposed by regulatory officials from several states and a broad range of stakeholders representing customers, transmission owners/operators, electric providers, independent power producers, technology providers, labor and public interest and trade organizations, among others.

These are dynamic and nuanced conversations with a wide range of energy stakeholders, including state regulators, other utilities, and energy focused organizations across the west. We know that legislators are very interested in the development of organized regional energy markets, and we have shared updates on these conversations with legislators and are frequent participants in informational panels on wide-ranging energy topics. During the 2023 interim, PGE gave an overview of the transmission system in September 2023 to the Senate Energy and Environment Committee and in November 2023, joined a large panel, including the Oregon Public Utility Commission, on organized markets and the transmission system before the House Climate, Energy, and Environment Committee.

PGE is neutral on SB 1581 with the -1 Amendment, should the legislature move forward with formally codifying a status update before the legislative committees on organized regional markets in the west. Based on conversations with the bill sponsor, it is our understanding that the legislative intent of the "report" referenced on line 3 of the -1 amendment would be an oral presentation before the appropriate legislative committee. In that update presentation, we would come prepared to share updates on our activities related to expansions of existing voluntary wholesale energy markets like the California Independent System Operator's Energy Imbalance Market and Extended Day-Ahead Market, or Southwest Power Pool's Energy Imbalance Services Market or Day-Ahead Market; or development of new regional wholesale energy markets similar to a regional transmission organization (RTO) or independent system operator (ISO).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sania Radcliffe".

Sania Radcliffe
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