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Representative John Lively, Chair  
House Climate, Energy, and Environment Committee  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

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**Re: House Bill 3546**

Chair Lively, Vice Chairs Gamba and Levy, and members of the House Climate, Energy, and Environment Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 3546 on behalf of Portland General Electric. PGE is an integrated energy company that generates, transmits, and distributes electricity to over 950,000 customers serving an area of 1.9 million Oregonians in seven counties and 51 incorporated cities. We are proud to be an Oregon company and privileged to serve customers of all sizes that bring infrastructure, jobs, economic growth, and opportunities to benefit the state and region.

Like many utilities across the country, PGE is experiencing a surge in new, large requests for power, including from advanced manufacturing, data centers and AI-related companies. This comes at a time when we are focused on keeping the cost of electricity as low as possible, and are working to modernize and strengthen the grid, meet society's rapidly growing demand for electricity, advance the clean energy transition, protect the grid against increasing cybersecurity threats, and prepare and protect against unpredictable and extreme weather and wildfire.

Our customers count on PGE for the electricity they need, when and where they need it. It is our privilege and our obligation to make sure all customers have access to electricity, and to keep the cost of electricity as low as possible. To that end, PGE has three guiding principles for serving new large loads:

- Strengthen protections for residential and small business customers
- Fairly allocate the cost and risk of serving large amounts of electricity to new large loads
- Support economic development opportunities for Oregon

PGE has been actively working on cost allocation around new large energy users for some time. We continue to work on this issue at the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC). The process at the OPUC will continue over the coming months and is complementary to HB 3546.

It is our privilege and obligation to make sure all customers have access to electricity, and to make sure we are keeping the cost of electricity as low as possible. HB 3546 will strengthen protections for residential and small business customers and fairly allocate the cost of serving new large energy use customers.

**HB 3546 provides an important opportunity to advance customer energy affordability this session. We are pleased to support HB 3546 and will continue to engage with legislators and stakeholders to fine tune the bill.**

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Alderson", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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