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Representative Daniel Nguyen, Chair
House Committee on Economic Development, Small Business and Trade
900 Court St. NE
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Re: Comments in Support of HB 4084

Chair Nguyen, Vice Chairs Isadore and Skarlatos, and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 4084 on behalf of Portland General Electric (PGE). PGE is a fully integrated electric utility that serves over 950,000 customers in seven counties and 51 incorporated cities. We power more than two-thirds of the state's commercial and industrial activity and almost half of the state's population.

PGE directly and indirectly drives economic growth through operations, infrastructure investments and by enabling key industries. PGE supports HB 4084 as an important step to improve Oregon's permitting landscape and strengthen the state's ability to drive investment in Oregon. Increasing transparency and improving coordination across state agencies will support timely delivery of new industrial and commercial projects. We also support the state making a \$40 million investment in industrial site readiness. These measures align with our long-term planning efforts and will help ensure that communities are prepared for future growth.

While HB 4084 is a strong first step, PGE encourages the Legislature to address permitting delays that impact utility infrastructure in future sessions. Electric infrastructure projects can require multiple state and local approvals, and delays can affect service timelines for new customers and economic development opportunities.

We appreciate the Governor's recent Executive Orders EO 25-25 and EO 25-29, which direct agencies to take steps to accelerate the siting and construction of energy infrastructure. We continue to engage and collaborate with state agencies to realize the potential in these directives. However, a more comprehensive legislative approach to accelerating utility infrastructure permitting would further advance Oregon's competitiveness and fully realize the intent of HB 4084. We appreciate the Legislature's focus on improving permitting efficiency and look forward to continued collaboration as this work evolves.

Thank you for your consideration,

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