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RESOLUTION No.

Authorize the City Attorney to intervene and participate in the Oregon Public Utility Commission's review of Portland General Electric's Customer Choice Pilot Program (Resolution)

WHEREAS, Portland General Electric, ("PGE"), has filed proposed tariffs with the Oregon Public Utility Commission regarding proposed pilot projects for marketplace competition for electricity sales in Oregon (UE 101), and this proceeding may have significant long term impacts upon rates, service, and utility management in Oregon, and,

WHEREAS, the City of Portland has broad authority under its home rule charter to oversee the activities of utilities within its boundaries, including through the establishment of franchises and the issuance of permits, and is also responsible for the orderly management of public rights-of-way within its boundaries, and,

WHEREAS, the City collects utility license fees from PGE to compensate for its use of City right-of-way and assesses permit fees for specific projects in the right-of-way, and the City has significant concerns regarding the potential impact of the pilots upon revenues received by the City, and,

WHEREAS, the City is a large customer of PGE, with over 600 accounts and annual utility costs of approximately \$8,500,000, and has an interest in the future effects of changing utility rates, and,

WHEREAS, the City and PGE have entered into two special contracts for electricity, one under Schedule 67 for street lighting, and the second in 1995 under Schedule 87 under which the City obtained the benefits of PGE's "market pricing" arrangements for some of its aggregated load while, at the same time, encouraging PGE's acquisition of renewable energy resources, and under the terms of the proposed pilot, the City may have a one-time option to possibly convert from these schedules to service from a competitive energy service provider, and,

WHEREAS, the pilot program may amount to a "defacto" open access market for large industrial customers, leaving residential and small business customers to deal with outstanding issues such as stranded costs, and,

WHEREAS, the public expects that City government participate in decisions effecting the community, and,

WHEREAS, participation as a party in this proceeding would permit the City to (1) obtain important information regarding rates, services and other matters not readily available to persons with non-party status, (2) be informed of other parties actions and comments in this proceeding, and (3) influence the outcome of the proceeding for the benefits of the citizens of Portland

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Portland, that the City Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to intervene on behalf of the City as a full party in Oregon Public Utility Commission proceeding UE 101 (In the Matter of Portland General Electric Company's Customer Choice Pilot Program) to present the City's views and protect its interests as necessary

Adopted by the Council.

SEP 17 1997

Commissioner Erik Sten
Susan Anderson/B Walters
September 10, 1997

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Auditor of the City of Portland

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