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Attached is CUB testimony with an accompanying graphic for submittal to City Council in regard to August 19th agenda item 861. Let me know if there are any questions. Thanks - Janice



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August 18, 2015

To: Portland City Council

From: Janice Thompson, Consumer Advocate for Portland Public Utilities

Re: Welcome to Inaugural Members of Portland Utility Board – August 19th agenda item 861

The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) welcomes the inaugural members of the new Portland Utility Board (PUB) who are being confirmed on Wednesday, August 19th.

I was pleased to serve on the Utility Oversight Blue Ribbon Commission that recommended the formation of the PUB. With dedicated staff the PUB will have much needed capacity compared to the former utility oversight group and its year-round diligence will increase its effectiveness in providing budget advice to the two utility bureaus.

The PUB ordinance adopted in June highlights that PUB and CUB will “provide two independent sources of utility analysis and oversight for the public and the Council.” CUB is committed to building a collaborative relationship with the PUB to facilitate a coordinated approach to oversight of the City Council’s management of the Portland Water Bureau (PBW) and Bureau of Environmental Services (BES). Accompanying this memo is an oversight triangle that reflects CUB’s thinking about key elements of interactions between CUB, PUB, and the City Council.

Current Portland Public Utility Oversight Triangle

All Entities Interact, Input From CUB and PUB, City Council Decides

