

Written Testimony - Agenda Item 612

Agenda Item	Name	Position	Comments	Attachment	Created
612	Portland General Electric	Support	Letter in support of Regular Agenda Item 612 - Authorize the Portland Water Bureau Director to execute and submit hydropower license renewal application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by February 2024 (Resolution).	Yes	07/14/23 10:06 AM



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Portland City Hall
1221 SW Fourth Avenue
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Dear Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners:

The transition to a clean energy future will be challenging, and we at Portland General Electric (PGE) are committed to working with customers and critical partners like the City of Portland to create an affordable, reliable, and accessible energy system for all. The relicensing of the Portland Hydroelectric Project is potentially an important part of this work, and I am writing to recommend the City initiate the relicensing process for the Project.

PGE has worked with the Portland Water Bureau for over a century in the Sandy River Basin and on environmental stewardship and restoration for over three decades. We removed the Marmot and Little Sandy Dams and decommissioned the Bull Run Powerhouse in the early 2000s, which led to progress on salmonid restoration. We are proud to have worked with the city, state, federal agencies, and environmental non-profits to establish restoration efforts that the City has since supported through its Habitat Conservation Plan.

As we plan for a clean energy future, low-carbon and non-emitting sources of electricity like the Portland Hydroelectric Project are even more important to maintain. PGE encourages the city to maintain the option of producing and selling hydropower from the project as it undergoes the five-year Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's relicensing process. It is important for us to continue working together toward our decarbonization and environmental conservation and restoration goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nik Blosser", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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