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Northwest Power and Conservation Council
851 SW 6th Avenue, Suite 1100
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Re: Demand Response Advisory Committee Scope

Dear Chairman Lorenzen and Members of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council,

Portland General Electric (“PGE”) appreciates the opportunity to provide our comments on the demand response advisory council white paper. PGE believes that demand response ("DR") and smart grid technologies will be important components of the region resource portfolio going forward and is excited that the council is expanding its scope to include them in its planning.

At a high level, PGE agrees with the scope and direction that the council has identified. We believe that the near and long term priorities identified for the demand response advisory council makes sense given the needs identified in the Seventh Plan.

PGE also believes that a system integration forum, as opposed to an advisory committee, is probably the best approach in the near term. The only concern PGE has is the timeline for convening this forum. The white paper states that this forum will not convene until early 2018. We see no reason that this forum can’t convene in 2017, shortly after selection of members for the demand response advisory council.

Sincerely,

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