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United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin, Ranking Member Grassley and Committee Members,

I write to support the nomination of Justice Adrienne C. Nelson to Oregon's United States District Court. I serve as President and CEO of Portland General Electric (PGE), a fully integrated, investor-owned energy company based in Portland, Oregon, with statewide operations. We serve approximately 900,000 customers with a service area population of 2 million Oregonians in 51 cities.

Judge Nelson is a pioneering justice, serving as the first black judge on Oregon's Supreme Court. This appointment in 2018 followed a distinguished legal career in which she gained a breadth of experience that will be valuable on the federal bench. Her history includes working in private and public service legal practice, as a public defender, and as a judge since 2006 - first on the Multnomah County Circuit Court before ascending to the state Supreme Court. This diverse mix of professional experiences will be an asset as a federal judge.

As important as her professional experiences are, it is her personal character that makes her eminently qualified to ascend to the federal bench. Judge Nelson has received many awards for her leadership and service, including the Oregon Women Lawyers (OWLs) Judge Mercedes Deiz Award and the Oregon State Bar's Diversity and Inclusion Service Award. She has served as president of the Multnomah Bar Foundation and president of the Oregon State Bar Foundation Board. She is known as a warm judge who treats those in her courtroom with dignity and respect and has a steadfast commitment to justice.

I know she will be a valuable addition to the federal bench in our district. I urge you to support Justice Nelson's appointment to the United States District Court for Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maria Pope". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Maria" and last name "Pope" clearly distinguishable.

Maria Pope
President and CEO, Portland General Electric