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Cc: Michael Jordan, Chief Administrative Officer
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Re: City Proposed Organizational Structure – Supplemental Feedback

Date: October 5, 2023

Please accept the following comments from the Portland Utility Board (PUB) in response to the potential alternative proposal to the proposed organizational reporting structure.

The Board submitted feedback on September 29th as part of the general public comment process (letter available [online](#)). Subsequently, Board members have heard through local media of an alternate proposal from Council members. The Board is concerned that it is disruptive to the public process to have a counterproposal circulated before the City has had opportunity to hear from the public. The timeline for public comment was very brief and it was challenging to gather enough information to provide substantive feedback in the timeline allowed. If alternative proposals are under consideration, the public would need more details and an opportunity to effectively engage and provide feedback. Ensuring authentic public process is critical, particularly with such a significant proposal impacting the future of the City.

The PUB greatly appreciates your consideration of these comments and is eager to engage as this process advances.