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PORTLAND UTILITY OVERSIGHT BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION SHARED PRINCIPLES

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The following have been gleaned from interviews with Commission members conducted by the facilitator. They are intended only as a starting point for discussion.

Process

Ensure a transparent and open process.

Adhere to a decision-making framework and timeline in Commission deliberations.

Provide public information and engagement in the process.

Develop actionable recommendations, with a clear timeline for implementation and with performance targets.

Draw on bureaus' expertise.

Avoid positioning and rhetoric; be open-minded.

Maintain a parking lot or off-ramp for ideas outside the scope.

Substance

A fresh start to the utility reform conversation is needed, but it is important to understand other past/current reform proposals.

Goal is to help government operate more efficiently and with more transparency.

Clearly define what bureau functions are/are not being examined; recognize legal requirements.

Consider a range of best practice alternatives that are data driven.

Avoid creating more bureaucracy.

Consider broad community benefit/value.

Off the table

Charter form of government,

Bureau functions and budgets.

Superfund responsibility issues.