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## **Arya Behbehani joins The Climate Trust Board**

*Nonprofit to benefit from corporate environmental stewardship experience*

**PORTLAND, Ore.** – The Climate Trust is excited to announce the recent addition of Arya Behbehani, Manager of Environmental Services at Portland General Electric Company (PGE), to the Board of Directors.

Behbehani is no stranger to The Climate Trust, having served as a non-voting Board representative for PGE for the past four years. As a voting Board member, she will no longer represent PGE. “Arya knows the organization well and has made valuable contributions as a non-voting Board representative. Becoming a voting member was a natural next step,” said Laura Beane, Board Chair and Market Structure Manager for Iberdrola Renewables. “The Board welcomes her in-depth understanding of the energy sector, environmental regulations and corporate environmental stewardship.”

As Manager of Environmental Services, Behbehani ensures that PGE operations comply with all environmental regulations and that the company demonstrates outstanding environmental stewardship. Behbehani first worked at PGE from 1985 to 1988 as a Trojan Nuclear Plant engineer and rejoined PGE in 1997 as an engineer in the Power Supply Engineering Department. She has served as a project manager for the Biglow Canyon Wind Farm, Port Westward project development and Willamette Falls Hydro facility project engineering management, among others.

“Arya understands the interplay between finance, policy and projects,” said The Climate Trust President Ben Vitale. “Her expertise and insights can help us meet our mission of accelerating and inspiring climate solutions.”

Behbehani said she wanted to join the Board because The Climate Trust strikes the right balance between economic and environmental stewardship. “The Climate Trust serves an important purpose in helping energy companies and others reduce greenhouse gas emissions in a way that protects jobs and economic development as well as the environment,” she said. “Providing cost-effective and innovative emission reductions is critical to the transition to a low-carbon economy.”

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### **About The Climate Trust**

The Climate Trust is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with over 10 years of carbon market experience. Our mission is to provide expertise, financing, and inspiration to accelerate innovative climate solutions that endure. In order to arrest the rise in greenhouse gas emissions and to avoid the most dangerous impacts of climate change, The Climate Trust works to accelerate project implementation, develop financing solutions, and establish a supportive policy environment in the renewable energy, agriculture, forestry, energy efficiency and transportation sectors. For more information, please visit [www.climatetrust.org](http://www.climatetrust.org).