

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: December 16, 2014

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE January 1, 2015

DATE: December 8, 2014

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Juliet Johnson 

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer and Aster Adams 

SUBJECT: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC: (Advice No. 14-21) Adjustments to Schedule 109 Energy Efficiency Funding.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission approve Portland General Electric's (PGE or Company) Schedule 109 tariff revisions, as described in Advice 14-21, effective January 1, 2015.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this filing is to request a reduction in the amount of energy efficiency funding for the Energy Trust of Oregon (Energy Trust or ETO) through PGE's Schedule 109. PGE worked with Energy Trust to develop revised annual funding levels based on what is needed to meet Integrated Resource Plan targets while reducing the carryover of unspent funds.

PGE proposes to reduce the annual level of funding by approximately \$3.4 million, from \$45.4 million to \$42 million. Energy Trust forecasts it can still achieve savings goals of 33.0, 37.4, and 30.3 average megawatts for the years 2015-2017, respectively. The reduction in Schedule 109 funding will draw down the annual carryover amounts to the targeted 3-5 percent range by the end of 2017.

The proposed \$3.4 million annual reduction in Schedule 109 represents an approximate 0.2 percent decrease for the 846,000 affected customers as of January 1, 2015. A Schedule 7 Residential customer consuming 840 kWh monthly will see a \$0.19 or 0.2 percent reduction in their monthly bill.

The \$42 million in Schedule 109 funding is allocated to rate schedules on the basis of an equal percentage of base revenues subject to no schedule receiving an increase from its current Schedule 109 price.

PGE, like PacifiCorp, retains some energy efficiency funding to support its own efforts in driving customers to Energy Trust programs. PGE collects these retained funds through a designated tariff, Schedule 110. Based on the terms of the tariff, PGE's qualifying expenses cannot exceed \$1 million in any one calendar year. PGE's total projected Schedule 109 collections for 2015 are approximately \$42 million. PGE's use of the entire authorized \$1 million in retained funds in 2015 would equal approximately 2.3 percent of total Schedule 109 collections. PGE is not recommending any changes to Schedule 110 collections this time.

Staff has reviewed this filing and is supportive of PGE's proposed changes to Schedule 109. Staff recommends the Commission authorize PGE's proposed tariff adjustment.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

PGE's revised Schedule 109 tariff, as described in Advice No. 14-21, go into effect January 1, 2015.