

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

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE January 1, 2015

DATE: December 4, 2014

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Deborah Garcia ^{DG} and George Compton ^{GRC}

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer ^J and Marc Hellman ^{MH}

SUBJECT: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC: (Advice No. 14-22) Updates
Schedule 106, Multnomah County Business Income Tax Recovery.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve Portland General Electric's filing and allow the associated tariff to go into effect on January 1, 2015.

DISCUSSION:

Portland General Electric (PGE or Company) makes this filing pursuant to ORS 757.205, ORS 757.210, OAR 860-022-0025, and OAR 860-022-0030. PGE proposes to adjust the rate collected through its Schedule 106, Multnomah County Business Income Tax Recovery. This tax is commonly referred to as the MCBIT.

This adjustment schedule applies to all customers receiving service within the boundaries of Multnomah County in accordance with OAR 860-022-0045, which says in part:

"If any county in Oregon imposes or increases taxes or licensing, franchise, or operating permit fees, the utility required to pay such taxes or fees shall collect the amount from its customers within the county imposing such taxes or fees."

The Company maintains a balancing account to accrue any difference between the Company's actual MCBIT expenses and what is collected from customers. The Company determines the MCBIT Rate by forecasting their expected MCBIT tax liability for the next calendar year and adding this forecasted amount to the expected over- or under-collection of the prior year MCBIT taxes. This total amount is then divided by the forecasted revenues for Multnomah County to determine the final MCBIT Rate.

The current rate of 0.189 percent was authorized by the Commission at its September 17, 2013, public meeting (Advice No. 13-15). The proposed rate of 0.073 percent in this filing has been calculated to recover the projected tax expenses from January 1 through December 31, 2015.

PGE estimates that this rate change will result in a 0.116 percent decrease to the approximately 283,000 customers subject to the MCBIT. A residential customer consuming 840 kWh monthly will see a bill decrease of approximately \$0.11.

Staff Analysis

After a review of PGE's work papers, Staff concurs that PGE's proposed rate is reasonable. As this filing meets the requirements of ORS 757.205, ORS 757.210, OAR 860-022-0025, and OAR 860-022-0030, Staff recommends Commission approval.

PGE has reviewed Staff's memo and has no objections.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

PGE's filing to adjust the rate of Schedule 106, Multnomah County Business Income Tax Recovery be approved, and the associated tariff be allowed to take effect on January 1, 2015.