

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: April 4, 2017

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE April 5, 2017

DATE: March 21, 2017

TO: Public Utility Commission

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THROUGH: Jason ^JEisdorfer and Marc [✓]Hellman

SUBJECT: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC: (Docket No. ADV 526/Advice No. 17-07) Request to file tariff sheet changes associated with the IBEW Local 125 Labor Rate Update.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve Portland General Electric Company's (PGE or Company) Advice No. 17-07 with rates to be effective for service rendered on and after April 5, 2017.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve the Company's request to update selected Luminaire Schedules affected by PGE's increased Labor Rates as a result of the Company's Collective Bargaining Agreement with IBEW, Local 125.

Applicable Rule or Law

The Company filed Advice No. 17-07 pursuant to ORS 757.205, ORS 757.210 and OAR 860-022-0025, 860-022-0030.

Analysis

Background

PGE's Labor Rates are adjusted annually per the collective Bargaining Agreement with IBEW, Local 125. As a result of the most recent Labor Rate update, Schedules 91, 95,

491, 495, 591, and 595 (Schedules) have a \$5.00 increase per hour to the Straight Labor Rate and a \$10.00 per hour increase to the Overtime Labor Rate. The Labor Rate is applied to labor time required to replace non-repairable luminaries owned by customers.

PGE reports that Schedule 91 and Schedule 95 are currently serving a total of roughly 200 customers. According to PGE, Schedule 95 is specifically for conversions to LED technology, and Schedule 91 is for older luminaire types. Providing separate counts for each schedule does not accurately reflect the number of street lighting customers. As conversions to LED lights continue to grow, PGE anticipates many of its street lighting customers will eventually be on both schedules. For the most part, the customers currently being served under these schedules consist of municipalities, and state and federal agencies who have PGE street lighting service or use PGE equipment for street lighting. There are presently no customers receiving service under Schedules 491, 495, 591 and 595. The revenue from the Labor Rate change depends on the number of luminaires that are replaced each year.

As part of its review process for this filing, Staff sent PGE six requests for information, reviewed the Company's workpapers and responses to requests for information, and participated in phone conferences with the Company. Staff has verified that the rates in the Company's filing are consistent with the rates derived in workpapers the Company submitted with this filing.

Conclusion

Staff concludes that the rates provided by the Company are just and reasonable.

The Company has reviewed Staff's memo and has no changes.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve PGE's Advice No. 17-07 with rates to be effective for service rendered on and after April 5, 2017.