

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: December 13, 2022**

**REGULAR**  **CONSENT**  **EFFECTIVE DATE** January 1, 2023

**DATE:** November 30, 2022

**TO:** Public Utility Commission

**FROM:** Bret Stevens

**THROUGH:** Bryan Conway, Marc Hellman, and Matt Muldoon **SIGNED**

**SUBJECT:** PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC:  
(Docket No. ADV 1448/Advice No. 22-33)  
Schedule 110 Update.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Commission approve Portland General Electric's (PGE or the company) filing of Schedule 110 Energy Efficiency Customer Service, effective for service on or after January 1, 2023.

**DISCUSSION:**

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve PGE's Advice Filing No. 22-33, which would reprice Schedule 110, Energy Efficiency Customer Service, to eliminate the year-end residual balance.

Applicable Law

PGE's filing is made under ORS 757.205 and OAR 860-022-0025.

- ORS 757.205 requires that public utilities file all rates, rules, and charges with the Commission.
- OAR 860-022-0025 requires that new tariff filings include statements showing the new rates, the number of customers affected, the impact on annual revenue, and the reasons supporting the proposed tariff.

### Analysis

Beginning in 2008, PGE has been funding various customer energy efficiency projects via its Schedule 110. The PGE activities funded under Schedule 110 are in addition to the energy efficiency activities conducted by Energy Trust on behalf of ratepayers. In addition, PGE makes an annual presentation in June to the Commission on their Schedule 110 activities.<sup>1</sup>

The revenue requirement associated with this schedule is allocated among the rate classes in proportion to their gross base revenues. Annual expenditures are relatively modest—less than 0.03 percent of projected base revenues for 2023. The regulatory accounting process is to operate a balancing account whereby Schedule 110 revenues are collected, expenses are paid, and the net accumulated difference, or balance, accrues interest obligations or credits. The Schedule 110 rates are adjusted annually to reduce/minimize that balance.

As of the end of 2022, the Company has over-collected roughly \$1.4 million dollars in Schedule 110 funds. PGE attributes this overcollection to the COVID-19 pandemic which resulted in reduced Energy Efficiency outreach to customers out of precaution. The Company plans to increase its expenditures of the program in 2023 and 2024. The rate change proposed in this filing, paired with this increased expenditure, is expected to reduce the balancing account to zero by the end of 2024.

The application before the Commission is to decrease the Schedule 110 rates by about one-half. A typical Schedule 7 Residential customer, consuming about 780 kWh per month, will see a monthly bill decrease of \$0.03, or 0.03 percent. Staff has reviewed and agrees with the tariff figures accompanying the underlying spreadsheet revenue requirement model. Staff has also met with PGE to ask questions and confirm calculations in the accompanying work papers.

### Conclusion

In recent years, PGE's energy efficiency customer service revenues have exceeded the expenditures collected through Schedule 110. The rate change proposed paired with the Company's plans to increase expenditures of the program in 2023 and 2024, is expected to reduce the 2024 end-of-year accumulated balance to zero, the Company has brought forth an appropriate decrease in this schedule's rates.

The Company has reviewed this memo and did not have any concerns.

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<sup>1</sup> Anna Kim of the Energy, Resources & Planning group of the Commission is charged with monitoring the efficacy of PGE's projects and activities themselves.

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**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

Approve PGE's Advice No. 22-33, Schedule 110 Energy Efficiency Customer Service, effective for service rendered on or after January 1, 2023.

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