



**Portland General Electric**  
121 SW Salmon Street · Portland, Ore. 97204

November 9, 2021

Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
Attn: Filing Center  
201 High Street, S.E.  
P.O. Box 1088  
Salem, OR 97308-1088

**RE: Advice No. 21-34, Schedule 115, Low-Income Assistance**

Portland General Electric Company (PGE) submits this filing pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 757.205 and 757.210, and Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) 860-022-0025 and 860-022-0030, for filing proposed tariff sheet associated with Tariff P.U.C. No. 18, with a requested effective date of **January 1, 2022**:

Tenth Revision of Sheet No. 115-1

The purpose of this filing is to update Schedule 115, Low Income Assistant to reflect the impact of House Bill (HB) 2739 (2021 regular session) on collections for low-income bill payment assistance. Currently, electric utilities collect \$20 million from customers for low-income bill payment assistance as described in ORS 757.612(7)(b). HB 2739 temporarily increases the collection amount by \$10 million for two years, starting on January 1, 2022. The additional \$10 million is to be collected under the same approach as the existing \$20 million.

To satisfy the requirements of OARs 860-022-0025(2) and 860-022-0030, PGE provides the following responses:

PGE's portion of the \$10 million statewide increase is approximately \$6 million, annually. PGE estimates that approximately 920,600 Retail Customers will be impacted by this 0.29% increase to forecasted revenues for 2022. A typical Residential Customer consuming 780 kWh monthly will see a bill increase of \$0.35, or 0.33%.

Work papers detailing the Schedule 115 rate development are enclosed.

Please direct questions to Ashleigh Keene at [ashleigh.keene@pgn.com](mailto:ashleigh.keene@pgn.com). Please direct all formal correspondence and requests to the following email address [pge.opuc.filings@pgn.com](mailto:pge.opuc.filings@pgn.com).

Sincerely,

*\s\ Robert Macfarlane*

Robert Macfarlane  
Manager, Pricing and Tariffs

Enclosures

**SCHEDULE 115  
LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this rate schedule is to implement the low-income bill payment assistance provisions in accordance with ORS 757.612(7)(b) and reflective of adjustments made via House Bill 2739 (2021 regular session). The latter directs electric companies to collect an additional \$10 million annually for two years, starting in 2022, bringing the statewide total to approximately \$30 million annually.

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**APPLICABLE**

To all Retail Customers, including Customers receiving electricity from other sources, except those Customers explicitly exempted.

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**ADJUSTMENT RATES**

The applicable Adjustment Rates are listed below. As specified in House Bills 2134 and 2739, Customers will not be required to pay more than \$500 per month per Site for low-income bill payment assistance.

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<u>Schedules</u>	<u>Adjustment Rate</u>
7	\$1.04 per month
All other Schedules, including DSIs	0.104¢ per kWh for the first 480,700 kWh

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**SPECIAL CONDITION**

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1. On a monthly basis, on or before the last day of the month, the Company will forward an amount to the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS) based on billings to Customers for the previous month less a reserve for uncollectable amounts.