

November 14, 2022

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

RE: Advice No. 22-32, Schedule 118 Income-Qualified Bill Discount Cost Recovery Mechanism Update

Portland General Electric Company submits this filing pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 757.205 and 757.210, and Oregon Administrative Rules 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, 2023**:

First Revision of Sheet No. 118-1

The purpose of this filing updates Schedule 118 Income-Qualified Bill Discount Cost Recovery Mechanism. PGE implemented this schedule consistent with House Bill 2475 (2021 regular session), while supporting the longer-term investigation into statewide bill affordability and energy burden facilitated by the OPUC under UM 2211.

To date, PGE's IQBD offering has saved participating customers over \$2 million and 2022 enrollments are on target to exceed expectations. Incremental enrollments for 2023 are expected to be up to 50% above initial planning estimates, which had forecasted a more linear 5-year enrollment ramp. Based on 2022 enrollment levels and expected growth in awareness of the program, PGE revised its enrollment estimates for 2023. In addition, PGE expects to receive detailed information from OHCS in early 2023 that will allow for automatic tier-specific enrollment. These factors resulted in PGE's 2023 projections of nearly 60% of estimated eligible customers being enrolled by year's end.

These forecast changes, combined with a larger proportion of enrollments into Tier 1 versus the other tiers in both 2022 and 2023, results in expected program costs for 2023 that are considerably higher than 2022. PGE is forecasting 2023 program costs to be nearly \$20.0 million. This does not include almost \$1.0 million in balance carryover from 2022. Altogether, the revenue requirement for 2023 is \$20.9 million.

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

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PGE estimates that approximately 931,000 Customers will be impacted by this overall \$16.7 million or 0.9% increase in total revenues. A typical Schedule 7 Customer consuming 780 kWh monthly will see a bill increase of \$0.92 or 0.8%.

Work papers detailing the Schedule 118 price development and bill comparisons are enclosed.

Please direct questions to Ashleigh Keene at <u>ashleigh.keene@pgn.com</u> and all formal correspondence and requests to <u>pge.opuc.filings@pgn.com</u>.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

PGE Advice No. 22-32 Work Papers Provided in electronic format and password protected

SCHEDULE 118 BILL ADJUSTMENT COST RECOVERY MECHANISM

PURPOSE

The purpose of this schedule is to recover the costs associated with PGE's Income-Qualified Bill Discount, an offering to eligible Residential Customers designed to increase bill affordability (operationalized in Schedule 18). This discount is enabled by House Bill 2475 (2021 regular session), which calls for differentiated rates for "low-income customers and other economic, social equity or environmental justice factors that affect affordability for certain classes of utility customers." This adjustment schedule is implemented as an automatic adjustment clause as provided for in ORS 757.210.

APPLICABLE

To all bills for Electricity Service.

ADJUSTMENT RATES

The applicable Adjustment Rates are listed below. Customers will not be required to pay more than \$1,000 per month per Site for cost recovery of the Income-Qualified Bill Discount.

<u>Schedules</u>	Adjustment Rate	
7	\$1.14 per bill	(I)
All other Schedules	0.114¢ per kWh for the first 877,193 kWh	(I) (C)