

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: May 27, 2014

REGULAR \_\_\_\_\_ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE June 5, 2014

DATE: May 15, 2014

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Deborah Garcia *DG*  
*I* *A-G-M-G* *NA*

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer, Maury Galbraith, and Marc Hellman

SUBJECT: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC: (Docket No. UE 289/Advice No. 14-07) Modifies Schedule 142, Underground Conversion Cost Recovery Adjustment, and requests waiver of OAR 860-022-0032.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

I recommend that the Commission approve Portland General Electric's filing, effective June 5, 2014.

**DISCUSSION:**

Portland General Electric (PGE or Company) makes this filing pursuant to ORS 757.205 and 757.210, and OAR 860-022-0025 and 860-022-0030.

The purpose of this filing is to request termination of the current Schedule 142 Adjustment Rate effective June 5, 2014. This request conflicts with the OAR 860-022-0032 (The Rule) requirement that a tariff change must become effective with service on and after a utility's requested effective date. Therefore, PGE is also requesting that the Commission waive the requirements of The Rule.

Background

Pursuant to OAR 860-022-0046, PGE filed a tariff to collect from customers residing in the City of Sandy (Sandy customers), the costs associated with a forced conversion of overhead to underground service. PGE ended up over-collecting those costs and filed Advice No. 14-01 to refund the over-collection effective February 5, 2014. PGE calculated a rate of 0.25 percent credit applied to each bill and estimated the refund would be complete in approximately seven months, at which time the Company would file a request to set the schedule rate to zero.

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For this reason, and because PGE has advised that it intends to immediately correct its billing system to avoid this sort of error in the future, I recommend the Commission waive The Rule and approve the Company's filing.

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

Approve Portland General Electric's Request to Waive OAR 860-022-0032, and allow Schedule 142 to take effect beginning with the June 5, 2014, billing cycle.

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