

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: March 24, 2015

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE March 25, 2015

DATE: March 12, 2015

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Marianne Gardner *MB*

THROUGH: *J* Jason Eisdorfer and *AA* Marc Hellman

SUBJECT: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC: (Docket No. ADV 3/Advice No. 15-06) Revises rates in Schedules 91, 95, 491, 495, 591 and 595.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend the Commission approve Portland General Electric's (PGE or Company) March 4, 2015 filing and its request for Less than Statutory Notice (LSN) to allow the associated tariff sheets to take effect on March 25, 2015.

DISCUSSION:

PGE makes this filing pursuant to ORS 757.205 and 757.210, and OAR 860-022-0025 and 860-022-0030. At the same time, PGE files an application requesting a waiver of legal statutory notice pursuant to ORS 757.220 and OAR 860-022-0020.

The purpose of this filing is to update the installation labor rates (straight time and overtime) found in Schedules 91, 95, 491, 495, 591 and 595 for the replacement of non-repairable luminaires owned by customers. The changes include the most recent collective bargaining agreement with IBEW, Local 125.

For the six schedules, PGE proposes to modify the hourly rates for overtime from \$188 to \$189. Straight time hourly rate will remain unchanged at \$133. These changes in rates reflect the most recent labor rates as negotiated between PGE and IBEW, Local 125.

In its filing, PGE did not estimate the total annual revenue changes to Schedules 91, 95, 491, 495, 591 and 595, because the forecasted revenue from the rate change depends on the number of non-repairable luminaire replacements each year. PGE reports that

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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 the two schedules does not accurately reflect the number of street lighting customers.

As conversions to LED lights continue to grow, PGE anticipates many of their 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.

Staff Analysis

Staff reviewed PGE's filing, work papers, and the related portion of the collective bargaining agreement with IBEW, Local 125. Based on PGE's filing and PGE's responses to Staff's inquiries, Staff finds that PGE's Advice No. 15-06 meets the requirements of OAR 860-0022-0025 and OAR 860-0022-0030. Therefore, Staff recommends Commission approval.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

PGE's request for LSN and its filing be approved, and the associated tariffs take effect on March 25, 2015.