

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: March 22, 2016

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE March 23, 2016

DATE: March 10, 2016

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Judy Johnson JJ A

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer and Marc Hellman

SUBJECT: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC: (Docket No. ADV 240/Advice No. 16-03) Requests selected Luminaire Schedules be updated for recent Labor Rate Adjustments.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve Portland General Electric's (PGE or Company) Advice No. 16-03 and Less Than Statutory Notice (LSN) application with rates effective on and after March 23, 2016.

ISSUE:

Whether the Commission should update selected Luminaire Schedules affected by PGE's increased Labor Rates as a result of the Company's Collective Bargaining Agreement with IBEW, Local 125.

APPLICABLE LAW:

PGE submits this filing pursuant to ORS 757.205, ORS 757.210, OAR 860-022-0025, and OAR 860-022-0030. With its filing, PGE also requests waiver of statutory notice in ORS 757.220 and OAR 860-022-0020, which requires 30 days' notice to the Commission before any schedule changes can take effect.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS:

PGE's Labor Rates are adjusted annually per the Collective Bargaining Agreement with IBEW, Local 125. As a result of the most recent Labor Rate update, Schedules 91, 95, 491, 495, 591, and 595 (Schedules) have a \$4 increase per hour to the Overtime Labor

Rate and a \$2 increase per hour to the Straight Time Labor Rate. The Labor Rate applies to labor time for replacing non-repairable luminaires owned by customers, which include municipalities, state agencies, and federal agencies that have PGE streetlighting service or use PGE equipment for streetlighting under Schedules 91, 95, 491, 495, 591, and 595. PGE has approximately 200 customers on the affected Schedules. The revenue from the Labor Rate change depends on the number of luminaires that are replaced each year.

In addition to its request for approval of the proposed Schedules, PGE also seeks a waiver of LSN given that the public meeting is on March 22, 2016, and the Company is requesting an effective date of March 23, 2016. The increased Labor Rates per the Collective Bargaining Agreement with IBEW, Local 125 became effective on March 1, 2016.

Staff Conclusion

Staff has reviewed PGE's filing and accompanying work papers. The filing and work papers support the proposed rates. Staff finds that increasing the rates in Schedules 91, 95, 491, 495, 591, and 595 to recover the cost of the adjusted Labor Rates is appropriate, and results in rates that are just, fair and reasonable. Further, Staff reviewed PGE's request for waiver of 30 day statutory notice. Staff finds that the waiver is acceptable in this case.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve both PGE's Advice No. 16-03 and the request for waiver of LSN, allowing changes in rates to be effective on and after March 23, 2016.