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Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Attn: Filing Center
201 High Street, S.E.
P.O. Box 1088
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**RE: Advice No. 16-14, Schedule 106, Multnomah County Business Income
Tax Update**

Portland General Electric (PGE) submits this filing pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes (ORSs) 757.205, 757.210, and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 860-022-0025 for filing proposed tariff sheet associated with Tariff P.U.C. No. 18 with a requested effective date of **January 1, 2017**:

Eleventh Revision of Sheet No. 106-1

The purpose of this filing is to adjust the Multnomah County Business Income Tax (MCBIT) rate to reflect projections of the 2017 MCBIT tax expense and the current state of the MCBIT balancing account. The current Schedule 106 rate has followed prior projections for MCBIT tax expense through December 2016.

PGE anticipates an increase in taxable income for 2017. However, PGE projects the balance in the balancing account to be about \$583,985 as of December 2016. PGE plans to amortize the balancing account amount in December 2016 over the next two years, thus an ending balance in December 2017 of about \$300,000. The December 2016 balance is caused by an overpayment from PGE's 2015 tax return of about \$287,000 and lower than expected payments in 2016. The proposed Schedule 106 rate primarily recovers projected MCBIT tax expenses less any remaining collections from customers held in the MCBIT balancing account at the end of the year.

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

The proposed Schedule 106 rate change will result in a 0.067% overall rate decrease for approximately 289,000 Multnomah County customers. A typical Schedule 7 Residential customer consuming 840 kWh monthly will see a bill decrease of approximately \$0.06.

Work papers detailing the Schedule 106 rate development, and the balancing account detail are enclosed. Please direct any questions regarding this filing to Rob Macfarlane at (503) 464-8954.

Please direct all formal correspondence and requests to the following email address pge.opuc.filings@pgn.com

Sincerely,

for Rob Macfarlane
Karla Wenzel
Manager, Pricing & Tariffs

Enclosure(s)

**SCHEDULE 106
MULTNOMAH COUNTY BUSINESS INCOME TAX RECOVERY**

PURPOSE

To recover from Customers in Multnomah County the Multnomah County Business Income Tax (MCBIT) paid by the Company in accordance with Multnomah County Code § 12.610 and OAR 860-022-0045 and to establish an associated Automatic Adjustment Clause and balancing account.

APPLICABLE

All Customers receiving Electricity Service within Multnomah County.

BALANCING ACCOUNT

A MCBIT Balancing Account will be maintained to accrue any difference between the Company's actual local income tax liability and the amount collected from Customers under this Schedule. Any over or under-collection reflected in this account will be considered when the MCBIT Rate is established. This Balancing Account will accrue interest at the Commission-authorized rate for deferred accounts.

MCBIT RATE DETERMINATION

The MCBIT Rate is determined by dividing the sum of forecast MCBIT tax liability plus or minus any amount in the Balancing Account divided by forecast Retail Revenue from Customers in Multnomah County for each tax year or other applicable recovery period.

MCBIT RATE

The MCBIT Rate is:

0.098% of the total billed amount to the Customer excluding the Public Purpose Charge (Schedule 108), Energy Efficiency Funding Adjustment (Schedule 109), Low Income Assistance Charge (Schedule 115) and all other separately stated taxes.

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