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RULES:

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RULE SUMMARY: The changes to this rule eliminate the requirement for a subject gas utility to file avoided cost information within 30 days of the PUC's acknowledgement of its integrated resource plan and makes a housekeeping change of changing "least-cost" plan to "integrated resource" plan.

CHANGES TO RULE:

860-030-0007

Gas Utility Avoided Costs ¶

(1) Investor-owned gas utilities shall file a proposed avoided-cost method and draft avoided costs with their ~~least-cost~~ integrated resource plans pursuant to Order No. 89-507. ~~Final avoided-cost information shall be filed within 30 days of Commission acknowledgment of the least-cost plan to become effective 30 days after filing.~~ The avoided-cost method filed should be appropriate for determining the cost effectiveness of weatherization measures from the gas utility's perspective. ¶

(2) A gas utility may propose or the Commission may require a gas utility to file the data described in OAR 860-030-0007(1) during the two-year period between filing ~~least-cost~~ integrated plans pursuant to Order No. 89-507 to reflect significant changes in circumstances, such as acquisition of a major block of resources. Such a revision will become effective 90 days after filing. ¶

(3) At least every two years, the gas utility must file with the Commission the data described in section (1) of this rule.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS Ch. 183, 469, 756, 757

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 756.040, 469.631 - 469.645

ADOPT: 860-030-0011

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RULE SUMMARY: This rule requires an energy utility subject to this rule to submit data necessary to calculate its energy efficiency avoided costs to the PUC on or before October 15 of each year on a report form provided by the PUC.

CHANGES TO RULE:

860-030-0011

Avoided Cost Data Reporting for Energy Efficiency

(1) An energy utility that provides customer funds to a third-party nongovernmental entity approved by the Commission to administer energy efficiency measures and programs, market transformation, or the above-market costs of new renewable energy resources in the utility's service area must submit data necessary to calculate its energy efficiency (EE) avoided costs for energy efficiency measures and programs in the manner and method specified in the Commission-approved reporting form. This form is available at:

https://www.puc.state.or.us/Pages/electric_gas/formrpts.aspx. The EE avoided cost report must be submitted on or before October 15 of each year for use in the next energy efficiency program budget cycle. ¶

(2) An energy utility must include all data to support the values in its EE avoided cost form. ¶

(a) Relevant data may come from the energy utility's most recent integrated resource plan or integrated resource plan update that has been acknowledged by the Commission, or was used in the energy utility's most recent general rate case that has been resolved by a final order of the Commission; and ¶

(b) An energy utility may include more recent data with a supporting explanation as to why the Commission should approve its avoided costs based on such data. The Commission may approve the use of more recent data at its discretion. ¶

(3) At any time, the Commission may update the required data, format and methodology used to report specific values on the Commission-approved EE avoided cost reporting form. Any changes to the form that are approved by the Commission will take effect no less than 60 days following approval. ¶

(4) For purposes of this report, unless the context requires otherwise: ¶

(a) "Energy Efficiency avoided cost" or "EE avoided cost" means the value to an energy utility of avoiding the use of other resources to provide energy services to its customers through the use of an energy efficiency measure or program. ¶

(b) "Energy efficiency measure" or "energy efficiency program" refers to a measure or program that is designed to reduce energy consumption as a result of improved efficiency of energy use. ¶

(c) "Energy utility" means a public utility as defined in ORS 757.005 to which these rules apply.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 756.060

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 756.040, 756.070

ADOPT: 860-030-0013

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RULE SUMMARY: This rule specifies that the third-party nongovernmental entity approved by the PUC to administer energy efficiency measures and programs on behalf of the regulated energy utilities may not use the energy efficiency avoided cost data until the data is approved by the PUC.

CHANGES TO RULE:

860-030-0013

Approval of EE Avoided Costs for Energy Efficiency Measures

The third-party nongovernmental entity identified in OAR 860-030-0011 may not use utility-specific EE avoided cost data in the administration of such measures and programs until the data is approved by the Commission. The Commission will generally consider approval of EE avoided costs for this purpose within 60 days from the filing deadline for the EE avoided cost report.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 756.060

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 756.040, 756.070