

ITEM NO. CA2

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: December 18, 2018

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE January 1, 2019

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TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: *Sc for DG*
Deborah Glosser

THROUGH: *GW for* Jason Eisdorfer and *JC* John Crider

SUBJECT: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC: (Docket No. ADV 861/
Advice No. 18-15) Decreases the amount of cost-effective energy
efficiency funding for the Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve Portland General Electric (PGE or Company) Advice No. 18-15, requesting a decrease in the amount of cost-effective energy efficiency funding for the Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO), effective January 1, 2019.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve Portland General Electric (PGE or Company) Advice No. 18-15, requesting a decrease in the amount of cost-effective energy efficiency funding for the Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO).

Applicable Law:

Filings that propose any change in rates, tolls, charges, rules, or regulations must be filed with the Commission at least 30 days before the effective date of the change. ORS 757.210 and .220; OAR 860-022-0015.

Tariff revisions may be made by filing revised sheets with the information required under the Commission's administrative rules, including OAR 860-022-0025. OAR 860-022-0025(2) specifically requires that each energy utility changing existing tariffs or schedules must include in its filing a statement plainly indicating the increase, decrease, or other change made with the filing, the number of customers affected by the proposed

change and the resulting change in annual revenue; and the reasons or grounds relied upon in support of the proposed change.

Analysis

PGE is proposing to reduce the amount of cost effective energy efficiency funding for the Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO or Energy Trust) through PGE's Schedule 109¹. PGE, in coordination with ETO, proposes to decrease the annual level of budgeted funding by approximately \$13.5 million, from \$64.9 million to \$51.4 million. The decrease in annual funding should allow ETO to achieve its forecasted energy efficiency (EE) funding savings goal of 33.4 average megawatts for 2019.

While the proposed change of \$13.5 million appears significant, it is vestigial to large changes in SB 838 dollars, which can create large inter-annual swings to customer prices and bills. Staff notes that the large changes (including the \$23.3 million increase approved in 2017 in Advice No. 16-22), highlights the importance of continuing to improve EE forecasting methods and tools.

Conclusion

Staff has reviewed the workpapers submitted by the Company in accordance with OARs 860-022-0025(2), and has confirmed the following:

The proposed change in Schedule 109 results in an approximate \$13.8 million annual decrease (-0.88 percent) for the approximately 894,576 customers. A Schedule 7 residential customer consuming 800 kWh monthly will see a \$0.80 or (-0.80 percent) decrease in their monthly bill.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve PGE's revised Schedule 109 tariffs as described in Advice No. 18-15 to go into effect January 1, 2019.

¹ Schedule 109 is applicable to all residential and nonresidential customers located within the Company's service territory except those nonresidential customers whose load exceeded one the prior calendar year or those nonresidential customers qualifying as a self-directing customer.