

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

REGULAR CONSENT EFFECTIVE DATE January 1, 2019

DATE: December 12, 2018

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: *Jc for DG*
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THROUGH: *EPH* Jason Eisdorfer and *Jc* John Crider

SUBJECT: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC: (Docket No. ADV 882/
Advice No. 18-21). Passes through monetary benefits received from the
Bonneville Power Administration under the Residential Exchange Program
Settlement Implementation Agreement to eligible customers.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve Portland General Electric (PGE or Company) Advice No. 18-21, requesting that monetary benefits received from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) be passed through to eligible customers under the Residential Exchange Program, effective January 1, 2019.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve Portland General Electric (PGE or Company) Advice No. 18-21, requesting that monetary benefits received from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) be passed through to eligible customers under the Residential Exchange Program.

Applicable Law and Rule

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 pass through to eligible customers, the monetary benefits received from the BPA under the Residential Exchange Program, consistent with the provisions of the Residential Exchange Program Settlement Implementation Agreement (REPSIA) Contract No. 11PB-12467. In Order No. 11-114 this Commission authorized PGE to execute the REPSIA.

An annual exchange amount of \$66.9 million in monetary benefits to approximately 813,000 eligible PGE customers is authorized by BPA's Final Record of Decision in BP-18 (dated July 26, 2017). In July 2018, additional financial accounts were transferred by BPA in the amount of \$2.4 million owed to customers during 2019. This \$2.4 million reflects the approximate projected balance in the BPA balancing account at the end of December 2018. The BPA account is expected to be fully amortized in December 2019.

As part of its general rate case before this Commission (Docket No. UE 335), PGE proposed a change to the rate structure of Schedule 102, which is currently structured so that only the first energy block for Residential Customers (under 1,000 kWh) is eligible for the credit. As a result of this proposed price change, the credit will be distributed over all of a customer's energy use (not just the first energy block). As a result, customers with less than 1000 kWh usage in a month will see a reduced credit which results in an increase in their bill. The approximate 813,000 eligible customers will see a decrease of \$0.5 million in their annual bills. While Residential Customers in general will see an overall decrease in their bills, a typical Schedule 7 Residential Customer consuming 800 kWh monthly will see a bill increase of approximate \$0.77 or 0.8 percent due to the blocked price credit adjustment.

Conclusion

Staff has examined PGE's workpapers filed in accordance with OARs 860-022-0025(2) and 860-022-0030, and agrees with PGE's calculations.

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PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve PGE's revised Sheet No. 102-1 which passes through monetary benefits received from the BPA to eligible customers as described in Advice No. 18-21, to go into effect January 1, 2019.