

ITEM NO. CA4

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: February 26, 2019

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE March 1, 2019

DATE: February 19, 2018

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: *SS* Sabrina Soldavini and *SS for SG* Scott Gibbens

THROUGH: *EP* Jason Eisdorfer, *JE* John Crider, and *Jc for MG* Marianne Gardner

SUBJECT: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC: (Docket No. ADV 911/Advice No. 19-01) Updates Rule K, Requirements Relating to Electricity Service Supplier.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) approve Portland General Electric's (PGE or Company) Advice No. 19-01, which updates its Rule K, Requirements Relating to Electricity Service Supplier, effective with service rendered on and after March 1, 2019.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve PGE's Advice No. 19-01, which updates its Rule K, Requirements Relating to Electricity Service Supplier, effective with service rendered on and after March 1, 2019.

Applicable Rule

ORS 757.205(1) states that a public utility must file schedules showing all rates, tolls, and charges for service that have been established and are in force at the time. Pursuant to ORS 757.210, the Commission may approve tariff changes if they are deemed to be fair, just and reasonable. Filings that make 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 changes. ORS 757.220.

OAR 860-022-0025 requires that new tariff filings include statements showing the new rates, the number of customers affected, the impact on annual revenue, and the reasons supporting the proposed tariff.

Analysis

Background

As part of the Company's most recent rate case, UE 335, the Commission adopted a Partial Stipulation Regarding Direct Access Issues in Order No. 18-464.

Part nine of the Partial Stipulation states:

"Thirty days following the Commission's adoption of the Stipulation, PGE will make a filing to modify Rule K to permit a "change of location" for a service point under contract with an ESS to occur before said account is closed, provided that the existing facility/location associated with said account is idle, demonstrates nominal use, and provided the customer agrees that such account shall return to cost of service with PGE. The customer will carry the burden to demonstrate that such account shall return to cost of service with PGE. The customer will carry the burden to demonstrate that the business location is idle or with nominal use."

Accordingly, PGE filed Advice No. 19-01 with the Commission to modify the language of Rule K on January 11, 2019.

Effects of Filing

PGE's Advice No. 19-01 updates the language of Rule K, Part I (Sheet Nos. K-15 and K-16), related to the change of an ESS customer's location. Staff reviewed the updated language in PGE's filing for compliance with the stipulation approved in Order No. 18-464, item 9, of the Partial Stipulation Regarding Direct Access Issues.

The Company's proposed changes are to language only, and thus do not impact existing rates or revenues. Staff finds that these changes will not harm customers

The Company has reviewed this Staff report and did not express any issues or concerns.

Conclusion

Based on Staff's analysis of PGE's advice filing, Staff finds the proposed changes associated with the filing are accurate and consistent with Commission Order. Staff recommends PGE's updated Rule K go into effect.

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PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve PGE's Advice No. 19-01, which updates its Rule K, Requirements Relating to Electricity Service Supplier, for rates effective with service rendered on and after March 1, 2019.

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