

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: December 17, 2019**

REGULAR  CONSENT  EFFECTIVE DATE January 1, 2020

**DATE:** December 4, 2019

**TO:** Public Utility Commission

**FROM:** Paul Rossow

**THROUGH:** Michael Dougherty and JP Batmale **SIGNED**

**SUBJECT:** PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC:  
(Docket ADV 1040/Advice No. 19-22)  
Proposes changes in Schedule 109 Energy Efficiency Funding  
Adjustment.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Commission approve Portland General Electric (PGE or Company) Advice No. 19-22, requesting a decrease in the amount of cost-effective energy efficiency funding for the Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO), effective January 1, 2020.

**DISCUSSION:**

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve PGE Advice No. 19-22, requesting a decrease in the amount of cost-effective energy efficiency funding for ETO.

Applicable Rule or Law

Tariff changes must be filed with the Commission under ORS 757.205(1). The Commission may approve tariff changes if they are deemed to be fair, just, and reasonable. ORS 757.210. 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 757.220; OAR 860-022-0015. Tariff filings to be effective on less than 30 days following notice of the change may be authorized with a waiver of less than statutory notice pursuant to ORS 757.220 and OAR 860-022-0020.

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 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 ETO through PGE's Schedule 109.<sup>1</sup> PGE, in coordination with ETO, proposes to decrease the annual level of budgeted funding by approximately \$3.7 million, from \$51.4 million to \$48.2 million. The decrease in annual funding should allow ETO to achieve its forecasted energy efficiency (EE) funding savings goal of 27.5 average megawatts for 2020.

While the proposed change of \$3.7 million appears substantial, Staff notes that the change (including the \$13.5 million decrease approved in 2018 in Advice No. 18-15), 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 OAR 860-022-0025(2), and has confirmed the following: The proposed change in Schedule 109 results in an approximate \$3.7 million annual decrease of 0.2 percent for the approximately 900,000 customers. A Schedule 7 residential customer consuming 800 kWh monthly will see a \$0.28 or 0.28 percent decrease in their monthly bill.

### **PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

Approve PGE's revised Schedule 109 tariffs as described in Advice No. 19-22 to go into effect with service rendered on and after January 1, 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 aMW the prior calendar year or those nonresidential customers qualifying as a self-directing customer.