

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: April 20, 2021**

REGULAR CONSENT EFFECTIVE DATE May 1, 2021

DATE: April 12, 2021

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Mitchell Moore

THROUGH: Bryan Conway, John Crider and Matt Muldoon **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC:
(Docket No. ADV 1255/ Advice No. 21-07)
Updates Schedule 109 – Energy Efficiency Funding Adjustment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve Portland General Electric's (PGE or Company) filing updating Schedule 109 with an effective date of May 1, 2021.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve PGE's proposed updates to Schedule 109 to increase the amount of cost-effective energy efficiency funding for Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO).

Applicable Rule or Law

PGE makes this filing pursuant to ORS 757.205, ORS 757.210, OAR 860-022-0025, and OAR 860-022-0030.

- ORS 757.205 requires that public utilities file all rates, rules, and charges with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (OPUC).
- ORS 757.210 establishes a hearing process to address utility filings and requires rates be fair, just and reasonable.
- ORS 757.259 allows certain deferred amounts to be included in utility rates.

- 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

PGE made this filing March 21, 2021, to update its Schedule 109 (Energy Efficiency Adjustment Mechanism) rates to increase the annual level of budgeted funding by \$3 million, from \$47.4 million to \$50.4 million. This increase in annual funding should allow for ETO to achieve its forecasted energy efficiency savings goals and provide \$2 million in additional funding in 2021.

The purpose of Schedule 109 is to fund the acquisition of additional Energy Efficiency Measures (EEMs) for the benefit of the Company's customers pursuant to the Oregon Renewable Energy Act, Section 46 through programs administered by the ETO.

Funds collected under Schedule 109 are distributed to ETO on a monthly basis.

ETO's forecasted budget amount of \$50.4 million included in Schedule 109 for recovery is allocated to rate schedules on the basis of an equal percentage of base revenues. Since Schedule 109 is directly collected from customers and passed-through to ETO, there is no balancing account, true-up, or amortization associated with this adjustment schedule.

The proposed price changes will result in an approximate \$3 million, or 0.18 percent, overall average rate decrease for the 909,000 applicable cost-of-service customers. A typical residential customer consuming 800 kWh monthly will see a \$0.17 or 0.16 percent increase in their monthly bill as a result of this filing.

Conclusion

Staff's review of this filing and associated work papers finds that the updated rates in Schedule 109 are correctly calculated, based on to-date and forecasted costs, and that PGE's proposed recovery of 2021 target costs is appropriate. Staff also finds that costs included for recovery were appropriate and prudently incurred. As this filing meets the requirements of ORS 757.205, ORS 757.210, OAR 860-022-0025, and OAR 860-022-0030, Staff recommends the Commission approve PGE's filing.

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PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve PGE's filing updating Schedule 109 with an effective date of May 1, 2021.

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