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RE: Advice No. 21-08

At the public meeting on May 18, 2021, the Commission adopted Staff's recommendation in this matter docketed as ADV 1256. The Staff Report and a receipted copy of the sheets in your advice filing are attached.

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Chief Administrative Law Judge

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ITEM NO. CA1

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: May 18, 2021**

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE May 19, 2021

DATE: April 28, 2021

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Kathy Zarate

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

SUBJECT: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC:
(Docket No. ADV 1256/Advice No. 21-08)
Compliance Filing of IBEW Local 125 Labor Rate Update associated with
tariff P.U.C. No. 18.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission approve Portland General Electric Company's (PGE or Company) filing of IBEW Local 125 Labor Rate Update associated with tariff P.U.C. No. 18, effective for service on or after May 19, 2021.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve the Company's request to update selected Luminaire Schedules affected by PGE's increased labor rates as a result of the Company's Collective Bargaining Agreement with International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local Union No. 125 (Agreement).

Applicable Law

Under ORS 757.205(1):

Every public utility shall file with the Public Utility Commission, within a time to be fixed by the commission, schedules, which shall be open to public inspection, showing all rates, tolls and charges which it has established and which are in

force at the time for any service performed by it within the state, or for any service in connection therewith or performed by any public utility controlled or operated by it.

The Commission may approve tariff changes if they are deemed fair, just, and reasonable. ORS 757.210.

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.

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.

OAR 860-022-0030(1) further requires that for tariff or schedule filings proposing increased rates, the utility must for each separate schedule:

- Identify the total number of customers affected;
- Identify the total annual revenue derived under the existing schedule and the amount of estimated revenue which will be derived from applying the proposed schedule;
- Provide the average monthly use and resulting bills under both the existing rates and the proposed rates that will fairly represent the application of the proposed tariff or schedules; and
- Outline the reasons or grounds relied upon in support of the proposed increase.

Analysis

On April 8, 2021, PGE submitted its Advice No. 21-08. In its filing, the Company proposed to increase rates to reflect updated labor rates resulting from its recent negotiations with IBEW Local 125, with a requested effective date of May 19, 2021, for the following tariff sheets associated with Tariff P.U.C. No. 18: Sheet No. 91-8, Sheet

No. 95-7, Sheet No. 300-1, Sheet No. 491-8, Sheet No. 495-7, Sheet No. 591-7, and Sheet No. 595-5.

In response to Staff's information request, PGE provided the Agreement. PGE's labor rates are adjusted effective March 1 annually per the Agreement.¹

The Company's most recent labor rate update includes a \$45 decrease per hour to PGE's Straight Time Labor Rate and a \$99 decrease per hour in PGE's Overtime Labor Rate for crews to replace non-repairable luminaires not owned by the Company. The overall labor rate decrease is due to recent revisions of allocation of Payroll Loading and Distribution Operation Services Engineering (DOSE) overhead.

DOSE overhead was previously included within Payroll Loading, but PGE broke it out because not all labor requires the services included in DOSE. DOSE represents back office engineering and support for line crews and is not applicable to street lighting replacements. The Company may break out any applicable overheads in next year's filing.

PGE's pertinent labor rates are published under Schedules:

Nineteenth Revision of Sheet No. 91-8,
Fifth Revision of Sheet No. 95-7,
Twenty Second Revision of Sheet No. 300-1,
Fourteenth Revision of Sheet No. 491-8,
Fifth Revision of Sheet No. 495-7,
Twenty Fourth Revision of Sheet No. 591-7, and
Seventh Revision of Sheet No. 595-5,

PGE lighting labor rates apply to municipalities and state and federal agencies that have PGE street-lighting service or use. Specifically, the labor rates apply to the charges for replacement of luminaires owned by customers.

When the Company replaces non-repairable luminaires not owned by PGE, the labor rate decreases per hour from \$169 to \$124 for Straight Time Labor and decreases for Overtime Labor from \$254 to \$155.

In addition, this filing updates the "Other than Scheduled Crew Hours" billing rate for trouble calls in Schedule 300. The rate is now \$270, representing an increase of \$16 per the Agreement. This is because DOSE rates apply. DOSE includes a significant

¹ From PGE IR No. 1.

increase in the Injuries & Damages loading, resulting from an increase in PGE's liability insurance premiums.

Staff reviewed PGE's filing, work papers, and pertinent portions of the Agreement. Staff also submitted clarification requests for information, and reviewed PGE's responses to those requests.

Conclusion

Staff has reviewed the work papers and finds the Company has met the requirements of statute and administrative rule. Staff also submitted clarification requests for information by phone and e-mail, and reviewed PGE's responses to those requests. Staff has verified that the rates in the Company's filing are consistent with the rates derived in the work papers the Company submitted with this filing and are reasonable.

Based on its review, Staff determined that the public is not harmed by this transaction.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve PGE's Advice No. 21-08, IBEW Local 125 Labor Rate Update, effective for service on or after May 19, 2021.

SCHEDULE 91 (Continued)

ELECTION WINDOW

Balance-of-Year Election Window

The Balance-of-Year Election Window begins at 8:00 a.m. on February 15th (or the following business day if the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday). The Window will remain open from 8:00 a.m. of the first day through 5:00 p.m. of the third business day of the Election Window.

During the Balance-of-Year Election Window, a Customer may notify the Company of its choice to move to Direct Access Service. For the February 15th election, the move is effective on the following April 1st. A Customer may not choose to move from an alternative option back to Cost of service during a Balance-of-Year Election Window.

November Election Window

Enrollment for the November Election Window begins at 2:00 p.m. on November 15th (or the following business day if the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday). The November Election Window will remain open until 5:00 p.m. at the close of the fifth consecutive business day.

During a November Election Window, a Customer may notify the Company of its choice to change to any service options for an effective date of January 1st.

During an Election Window, Customers may notify the Company of a choice to change service options using the Company's website, PortlandGeneral.com/business

REPLACEMENT OF NON-REPAIRABLE LUMINAIRES INSTALLATION LABOR RATES

Labor Rate	Straight Time	Overtime ⁽¹⁾	
	\$124.00 per hour	\$155.00 per hour	(R)

(1) Per Article 20.2 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement Union No. 125 Contract, overtime is paid at the Overtime Rate for a minimum of one hour.

SCHEDULE 95 (Continued)

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RATES FOR STANDARD LIGHTING

Light-Emitting Diode (LED) Only – Option A and Option B Service Rates

LED lighting is new to the Company and pricing is changing rapidly. The Company may adjust rates under this schedule based on actual frequency of maintenance occurrences and changes in material prices.

<u>Type of Light</u>	<u>Watts</u>	<u>Nominal Lumens</u>	<u>Monthly kWh</u>	<u>Monthly Rates</u>	
				<u>Option A</u>	<u>Option B</u>
Roadway LED	29	3,470	10	\$2.21	\$0.37
	37	2,530	13	2.86	0.39
	45	5,020	15	2.43	0.38
	50	3,162	17	2.83	0.38
	52	3,757	18	3.18	0.39
	67	5,050	23	3.35	0.39
	88	10,230	30	3.09	0.39
	106	7,444	36	3.64	0.40
	134	14,200	46	7.18	0.43
	156	16,300	53	7.69	0.45
	160	18,700	55	7.00	0.43
	176	18,300	60	8.58	0.47
	201	21,400	69	8.07	0.45

**SCHEDULE 300
CHARGES AS DEFINED BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS
AND MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this schedule is to list the charges referred to in the General Rules and Regulations.

AVAILABLE

In all territory served by the Company.

APPLICABLE

For all Customers utilizing the services of the Company as defined and described in the General Rules and Regulations.

INTEREST ACCRUED ON DEPOSITS (See Rules E and K)

0.1% per annum.

BILLING RATES (Rules E, F, H and J)

Trouble call, cause in Customer-owned equipment

Scheduled Crew Hours ⁽¹⁾	No charge	(I)
Other than Scheduled Crew Hours ⁽¹⁾	\$270.00	
Returned Payment Charge	\$ 25.00	
Special Meter Reading Charge (non-network)	\$ 17.00	
Meter Test Charge	\$ 75.00	
Late Payment Charge (monthly)	2.0% of delinquent balance	
Field Visit Charge ⁽²⁾	\$ 20.00	
Bill History Information Service Charge (Not applicable when a billing dispute is filed with the Commission - see Rule F)	\$ 32.00	
Portfolio Enrollment Charge	\$ 5.00	
Customer Interval Data (12 months) to Customers	\$100.00	
Customer Interval Data (12 months, formatted and analyzed)	Mutually agreed price	
Switching Fee	\$20.00	
Unauthorized Connection of Service / Tamper Fee	\$75.00	

(1) Scheduled Crew Hours - The Company's Scheduled Crew Hours for the above listed services are from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for Company-recognized holidays. The Customer will be informed of and agree to the charges before Company personnel are dispatched.

(2) See Rule H, Section 2 for applicable conditions.

SCHEDULE 491 (Continued)

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High-Pressure Sodium (HPS) Only – Service Rates**

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				<u>Option A</u>	<u>Option B</u>	<u>Option C</u>
Cobrahead Power Doors **						
	70	6,300	30	*	\$3.17	\$1.88
	100	9,500	43	*	3.98	2.70
	150	16,000	62	*	5.18	3.89
	200	22,000	79	*	6.27	4.95
	250	29,000	102	*	7.69	6.39
	400	50,000	163	*	11.56	10.22
Cobrahead, Non-Power Door	70	6,300	30	\$6.74	3.39	1.88
	100	9,500	43	7.56	4.21	2.70
	150	16,000	62	8.87	5.42	3.89
	200	22,000	79	10.69	6.53	4.95
	250	29,000	102	12.01	7.95	6.39
	400	50,000	163	15.91	11.79	10.22
Flood	250	29,000	102	12.30	7.99	6.39
	400	50,000	163	16.13	11.82	10.22
Early American Post-Top	100	9,500	43	7.94	4.26	2.70
Shoebox (Bronze color, flat Lens, or drop lens, multi-volt)	70	6,300	30	8.06	3.57	1.88
	100	9,500	43	8.57	4.35	2.70
	150	16,000	62	10.08	5.58	3.89

* Not offered.

** Service is only available to customers with total power doors luminaires in excess of 2,500.

SCHEDULE 495 (Continued)

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	45	5,020	15	3.37	1.32
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	52	3,757	18	4.31	1.52
	67	5,050	23	4.79	1.83
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	106	7,444	36	5.90	2.66
	134	14,200	46	10.06	3.31
	156	16,300	53	11.01	3.77
	160	18,700	55	10.45	3.88
	176	18,300	60	12.34	4.23
	201	21,400	69	12.40	4.78

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SCHEDULE 595 (Continued)

STREETLIGHT POLES SERVICE OPTIONS

Option A and Option B – Poles

See Schedule 91/591 for Streetlight poles service options.

MONTHLY RATE

The service rates for Option A and Option B lights include the following charges for each installed luminaire based on the Monthly kWhs applicable to each luminaire.

Distribution Charge 6.274 ¢ per kWh

Energy Charge Provided by Electricity Service Supplier

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