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December 30, 2021

***Via Electronic Filing***

Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
Attention: Filing Center  
P.O. Box 1088  
Salem, OR 97308-1088

Re: **UM \_\_\_\_\_ PGE's Application for Deferral of Costs and Revenues Associated with the Transportation Electrification Charge**

Filing Center:

Pursuant to ORS 757.259 and OAR 860-027-0030, Portland General Electric Company (PGE) hereby requests authorization to defer certain costs and revenues associated with the Transportation Electrification Charge.

A Notice regarding the filing of this application has been provided to the parties on the UE 394 service list.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions or require further information, please call me at (503) 464-7805.

Please direct all formal correspondence, questions, or requests to the following e-mail address: [pge.opuc.filings@pgn.com](mailto:pge.opuc.filings@pgn.com).

Sincerely,

*/s/ Jaki Ferchland*

Jaki Ferchland  
Manager, Revenue Requirement

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Enclosure

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM \_\_\_\_\_

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC  
COMPANY

PGE Deferral of Costs and Revenues  
Associated with the Transportation  
Electrification Charge

**Application for Deferred Accounting for  
Costs and Revenues Associated with the  
Transportation Electrification Charge**

Pursuant to ORS 757.259, OAR 860-027-0300, and House Bill (HB) 2165, Portland General Electric Company (PGE) hereby requests an accounting order authorizing PGE to defer costs and revenues associated with the Transportation Electrification (TE) Charge (TE Charge). In addition, this filing is being made to initiate a deferral that will support an automatic adjustment clause rate schedule with an associated balancing account mechanism to track the ongoing costs and recovery amounts related to the TE Charge. PGE requests that this deferral be effective as of January 1, 2022, the effective date of HB 2165 and be recovered through Schedule 150 as requested in PGE Advice Filing No. 21-26. In support of this Application PGE states:

1. PGE is a public utility in the state of Oregon and its rates, service and accounting practices are subject to regulation by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission or OPUC).
2. This application is filed pursuant to ORS 757.259, which allows the Commission, upon application, to authorize deferral of certain items.
3. Written communications regarding this Application should be addressed to:

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In addition to the names and addresses above, the following are to receive notices and communications via the e-mail service list:

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**I. OAR 860-027-0300(3) Requirements**

The following is provided pursuant to OAR 860-027-0300(3):

A. Background Description

On May 26, 2021 the Governor of Oregon signed into law HB 2165 requiring electric companies with more than 25,000 electricity consumers to collect an amount to support transportation electrification. The law will go into effect on January 1, 2022. The total amounts collected under this law must be set to one quarter of one percent of the total revenues collected by the electric company from all retail electricity consumers. Funds collected must be expended by the electric company to support and integrate transportation electrification and must be consistent with a budget approved by the OPUC.

PGE is required to collect these funds beginning in 2022, with the current estimate expected to total approximately \$5.2 million for 2022. PGE has not otherwise included any forecast or estimate of the TE Charge in customer prices through a general rate case or any other proceeding, as this is a new requirement, to which PGE had not previously been subject.

To address HB 2165 requirements, PGE requests approval to defer incremental costs and revenues associated with the TE charge.

B. Reasons for Deferral

Pursuant to ORS 757.259(2)(e) and for the reasons discussed above, PGE seeks deferred accounting treatment for costs and revenues associated with the imposed TE Charge. The approval of this Application will support the use of an automatic adjustment clause and associated balancing account so that the referenced TE costs and revenues can be kept distinct and separate from PGE's other costs and revenues. Granting this Application will minimize the frequency of rate changes and match appropriately the costs borne by and benefits received by customers.

C. Proposed Accounting for Recording Amounts Deferred.

PGE proposes the following TE Charge accounting treatment: the balancing account will be recorded in FERC account 242 (Current Regulatory Liability). TE Charge payments (i.e., payments to support and integrate transportation electrification) will be debited to FERC Account 242 and credited to FERC Account 407.4 (Regulatory Credit). TE Charge amortization (i.e., revenues collected from PGE's customers via Schedule 150) will be credited to FERC Account 242 and debited to FERC Account 407.4. Interest will accrue on the balance at the approved modified blended treasury rate.

D. Estimate of Amounts to be Recorded for the Next 12 months.

Using PGE's 2022 forecasted revenue, PGE estimates the TE Charge amount to defer during 2022 to be approximately \$5.2 million.

E. Notice

A copy of the Notice of Application for Deferral of Costs and Revenues Associated with the Transportation Electrification Charge and a list of persons served with Notice are attached to

this Application as Attachment A. In compliance with OAR 860-027-0300(6), PGE is serving Notice of Application on the UE 394 Service List, PGE's current general rate case.

## **II. Summary of Filing Conditions**

### **A. Earnings Review**

Cost recovery associated with this deferral will not be subject to an earnings review since it would be subject to an automatic adjustment clause.

### **B. Prudence Review**

A prudence review should be performed by the Commission Staff as part of their review of this deferral's annual reauthorization filings or applications to update Schedule 150.

### **C. Sharing**

No sharing mechanism applies to the TE Charge costs or revenues.

### **D. Rate Spread/Rate Design**

Applicable costs will be allocated to each schedule using the applicable schedule's forecasted energy on the basis of an equal percent of revenue applied on a cents-per-kWh basis.

### **E. Three percent test (ORS 757.259(6))**

The amortization of the TE Charge deferred costs will be subject to the three percent test in accordance with the ORS 757.259 (7) and (8), which limits aggregated deferral amortizations during a 12-month period to no more than three percent of the utility's gross revenues for the preceding year.

### III. Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, PGE requests approval to defer the costs and revenues associated with the TE Charge effective January 1, 2022.

DATED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.

*/s/ Jaki Ferchland*

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## **Attachment A**

### **Notice of Application for Deferral of Costs and Revenues Associated with the Transportation Electrification Charge**

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

**UM \_\_\_\_\_**

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC  
COMPANY

PGE Deferral of Costs and Revenues  
Associated with the Transportation  
Electrification Charge

**Notice of Application for Deferred  
Accounting for Costs and Revenues  
Associated with the Transportation  
Electrification Charge**

On December 30, 2021, Portland General Electric Company (PGE) filed an Application with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (the Commission or OPUC) for an Order authorizing deferral of costs and revenues associated with the Transportation Electrification (TE) Charge.

Approval of PGE's Application as proposed will support the use of an automatic adjustment clause rate schedule and balancing account to reflect the incremental costs and revenues associated with the TE Charge.

Persons who wish to obtain a copy of PGE's application will be able to access it on the OPUC website.

Any person who wishes to submit written comments to the Commission on PGE's application must do so no later than January 30, 2022.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day caused the **Notice of Application for the Deferral of Costs and Revenues Associated with the Transportation Electrification Charge** to be served by electronic mail to those parties on the attached service list for OPUC Docket No. UE 394.

Dated at Portland, Oregon, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.

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