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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON STAFF REPORT PUBLIC MEETING DATE: September 21, 2023

CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE

DATE: August 31, 2023

REGULAR

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Bret Stevens

THROUGH: Bryan Conway and Marc Hellman SIGNED

SUBJECT: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC:

(Docket No. UM 2262)

Request for Changes to the Time of Day Evaluation

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission amend its prior approval of Advice No. 20-34 to extend the deadline to provide a comprehensive evaluation report on Time of Day (TOD) rates from July 2023 to October 2023.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Commission should amend its prior approval of Advice No. 20-34 to extend the TOD evaluation report deadline from July 2023 to October 2023.

Applicable Law

The Commission, per ORS 756.060, has authority and jurisdiction to supervise and regulate every public utility in Oregon and to do all things necessary and convenient to exercise its authority. Under ORS 756.568, the Commission may, at any time, rescind, suspend, or amend any order.

On January 26, 2021, Chief Administrative Law Judge issued written notification to PGE that the Commission had adopted Staff's recommendation in Docket No. ADV 1194, Advice No. 20-34

Analysis

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At its January 26, 2021, Public Meeting, the Commission allowed PGE's tariff Advice No. 20-34, updating the Company's Schedule 7 Residential Time of Use (TOU).

One of the conditions in the Staff memorandum directed PGE to submit a comprehensive report, which includes a cost-effectiveness analysis, of its Schedule 7 TOU offerings by December 2022.

On November 23, 2022, PGE requested to move the due date of the report to July 31, 2023. In discussions with Staff, PGE communicated that reallocating the 2022 budget to 2023 and extending the deadline to July 2023 would enable a more comprehensive and meaningful evaluation of the program, as the Company is still early in its enrollment process. PGE also stated that the 2023 report would include surveys designed to understand the effectiveness of marketing and outreach for participants and non-participants, as well as their behaviors, attitudes, and opinions. Staff recommended, and the Commission approved this request.

On July 31, 2023, PGE requested that the due date be extended again from July 31, 2023, to October 31, 2023. In discussions with Staff, PGE stated that it needed more time to complete the final report. Staff recommends that the due date be extended as to not rush the report, however Staff urges that PGE not file for any additional extensions and to meet the October 31, 2023, due date.

Conclusion

Staff concludes that the Company's request is reasonable. Staff has no objection to the request, but again stresses that no additional extensions should be requested.

The Company has reviewed this memo and agrees with its content.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Amend the prior approval of Advice No. 20-34 to extend the deadline to provide a comprehensive evaluation report on Time of Day (TOD) rates from July 31, 2023 to October 31, 2023.

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