

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

REGULAR **CONSENT** **EFFECTIVE DATE** April 1, 2023

DATE: February 13, 2023

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Anna Kim

THROUGH: Bryan Conway, JP Batmale, and Sarah Hall **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC:
(Docket No. ADV 1481/Advice No. 23-01)
Schedule 320, Meter Information Services.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Portland General Electric Company's (PGE or Company) Advice No. 23-01 modifying Schedule 320, Meter Information Service Update, effective with service on or after April 1, 2023.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve Advice No. 23-01.

Applicable Law

ORS 757.205 requires all public utilities to file with the Commission all rates, tolls, and charges that it has established. Under ORS 757.210 the Commission may approve tariff changes if they are deemed to be fair, just, and reasonable. Tariff revisions may be made by filing revised sheets with the information required under the Commission's administrative rules, including OAR 860-022-0025. 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. See ORS 757.220; OAR 860-022-0020.

OAR 860-022-0025(2) states that each energy utility filing tariffs or schedules changing existing tariffs or schedules shall submit the following information: (a) a

statement plainly indicating the increase, decrease, or other change thereby made in existing rates, charges, tolls, or rules and regulations; (b) a statement setting forth the number of customers affected by the proposed change and the resulting change in annual revenue; and (c) a detailed statement setting forth the reasons or grounds relied upon in support of the proposed change.

Analysis

On January 13, 2023, PGE filed Advice No. 23-01, providing notification for an update to Schedule 320 Sheets 320-1, 320-2, and 320-3.

Schedule 320 is an optional service for nonresidential customers to access their own interval meter data or to make that data available to Energy Trust of Oregon (Energy Trust).

The Company states that the primary reason for this filing is to update prices for this service, which has not been updated since 2018. The Company also proposes updates to the language clarifying the process to transfer meter data to Energy Trust.

With this update, set-up fees for the first meter do not change, but increase for subsequent meters by \$5–\$10 meter. Monthly fees increase by \$5 for all meters. The Company also clarifies a \$8/month charge for Energy Trust to access a meter without additional set-up fees.

Based on conversations with Energy Trust in February 2023, Staff understands that this data transfer agreement is a welcome clarification that supports a new program element by Energy Trust to use regularly updated interval data for strategic energy management. Previously, Energy Trust did not have a need to have ongoing access to interval data. Staff understands that Energy Trust views these changes to Schedule 320 as welcome clarification that supports this new Energy Trust program change. Staff also understands that the Company will not charge both customers and Energy Trust but rather one or the other.

Staff finds the change in fees reasonable. Between 2018 and 2023, prices will increase three to seven percent for additional meters and seven to eleven percent for monthly charges.

Staff also finds the clarifications for transferring data to Energy Trust reasonable and appreciates the additional clarification.

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Conclusion

Staff has reviewed the Company's filing and the Company's requested changes to sheets associated with its Schedule 320. Staff finds the changes in meter charges reasonable and the clarifications to data transfer with Energy Trust reasonable.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve PGE's Advice No. 23-01, updating Schedule 320, effective with service on or after April 1, 2023.

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