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RE: Advice No. 23-01

At the public meeting on February 21, 2023, the Commission adopted Staff's recommendation in this matter docketed as ADV 1481. 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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**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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**SCHEDULE 320  
METER INFORMATION SERVICES**

**PURPOSE**

This schedule provides Meter Information Services to Nonresidential Customers, and with customer permission, to Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO).

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**AVAILABLE**

In all territory served by the Company.

**APPLICABLE**

To all Nonresidential Customers and ETO.

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**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Meter Information Services provides Nonresidential Customers with interval usage data. By enrolling in the Company's meter information services program, customers have 24/7 access to a technology platform that enables visualization, exporting, analyzing, and reporting on energy use information. Nonresidential Customers can compare their current usage with historic data, identify anomalies in their usage, track savings from energy efficiency projects and understand their energy usage. Additionally, PGE offers utility billing information within the same software platform.

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Nonresidential Customers requesting service under this schedule must have the ability to access the appropriate website URL. The Company will advise the Customer and ETO on equipment specifications and subsequent changes necessary to meet these service requirements.

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**BILLING RATES**

Meter Information Services is billed monthly on the Customer's bill for Electricity Service. Energy Trust will be billed through the Company's miscellaneous Accounts Payable process for FTP meter services rendered.

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**SCHEDULE 320 (Continued)**

BILLING RATES (Continued)

Standard Package

Set Up Fee\*: \$350.00 for the first meter (I)  
\$160.00 for each additional meter (I)  
\$80.00 for 50 or more meters (I)

Set-up fees are waived for ETO or if a customer (C)  
is transferring from a product that is no longer (C)  
offered.

Monthly Fees per meter:

1 to 5 meters	\$75.00	(I)
6 to 10 meters	\$70.00	
11 to 15 meters	\$65.00	
16 to 20 meters	\$60.00	
21 to 49 meters	\$55.00	
50 or more meters	\$50.00	(I)

Additional Customer Support or Training: \$125.00 per hour

Customized service, data, and hardware, including but not limited to Data loggers, Data Recorders, Energy Kiosks, Natural gas data, Interval Data via File Transfer Protocol (FTP) to Third Party<sup>\*</sup>, and Raw Feeder Data may be provided at a mutually agreed, cost-based price. (T)

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

1. Customers who request service both inside and outside of the service territory will have all Service Points (SPs) receiving service on this Schedule, added together to determine the appropriate monthly rate per meter.
2. Service under this schedule requires interval metering and meter communications be in place prior to the initiation of Meter Information Services.
3. Because of the meter and/or software installation required for this service, if a meter needs to be replaced, installed, or otherwise modified, delays can occur from the time a Customer requests service under this Schedule, until the Company can provide it. (C)  
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\* No set-up fees are charged for Interval Data via FTP to Third Party. FTP is used to send/receive files from a remote computer. See Special Condition 10. (C)  
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**SCHEDULE 320 (Concluded)**

SPECIAL CONDITIONS (Continued)

4. Meter Information Services requires that the Customer have certain minimum computer system requirements and an ability to capture and transmit interval usage data. Specifications will be provided upon request. The Customer will, at its expense, provide the necessary communications equipment. (M)  
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5. ETO will be supplied data only after the Customer provides to the Company a signed release form by the Customer giving ETO access to interval data, account information, and software application. ETO will also complete a Data Share Request Form specifying price, billing, and duration of service. (T)  
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6. ETO purchases meter data made available via FTP and is not enrolled in the Company's Meter Information Services program. ETO does not pay set-up fees, only monthly meter fees for usage data. (N)  
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7. Customers may request a submeter be installed for the purpose of receiving Meter Information Services from a specified location behind the Company meter. However, the feasibility of installing a submeter will be at the Company's discretion. Customers choosing submetering will incur charges for all associated labor and materials needed to install the meter. The Customer is responsible for ownership and maintenance of the submeter. (T)
8. This product is provided in accordance with the Code of Conduct as set forth in OAR 860-038-0500 through 860-038-0640 with the exception of OAR 860-38-0540 with which the Company received a waiver from the Commission. The waiver will be reconsidered, if justified, based on an examination of inquiries from competitors or potential competitors. (T)
9. The Company will disclose to Customers, in any written or electronic marketing communications of more than minor length, that the Customer may procure similar services from other providers. (T)  
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10. Interval Data via FTP to Third Party, with the exception of ETO, is not being offered at this time. The Interval Data via FTP will still be available to those customers receiving service as of September 29, 2017. The Interval Data is closed to new service during the implementation of the new Customer Information System (CIS) and meter data management system (MDMS). (C)