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RE: Advice No. 23-34

At the public meeting on December 28, 2023, the Commission adopted Staff's recommendation in this matter docketed as ADV 1566. 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: December 28, 2023**

REGULAR _____ **CONSENT** X **EFFECTIVE DATE** _____ January 1, 2024

DATE: December 18, 2023

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Ryan Bain

THROUGH: Caroline Moore and Scott Gibbens **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC:
(Docket No. ADV 1566/Advice No. 23-34)
PGE Advice No. 23-34, updating Schedule 136 Oregon Community Solar
Program Cost Recovery Mechanism.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Portland General Electric's (PGE or Company) advice filing updating
Schedule 136 Oregon Community Solar Cost Recovery Mechanism.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Oregon Public Utility Commission (Commission) should approve the advice
filing submitted by PGE to update Schedule 136.

Applicable Orders and Rules

ORS 757.205 provides that "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."

ORS 757.210 establishes a hearing process to address utility filings and requires rates
to be fair, just, and reasonable.

OAR 860-022-0025 requires that new tariff filings include statements showing the new rates, the number of customers affected, the impact on annual revenue, and the reasons supporting the proposed tariff.

Analysis

Background

On August 26, 2022, the Commission issued Order No. 22-310, adopting the joint-utility methodology for calculating the incremental cost of subscribed energy in the Community Solar Program (CSP). On November 16, 2023, PGE filed Advice No. 23-34, updating the Schedule 136 Oregon CSP Cost Recovery Mechanism. The Company's advice filing updates the tariff sheets and prices for Schedule 136.

Tariff Pricing Impacts

PGE estimated that 940,000 (2024 forecast) customers will be impacted by this decrease of \$1.5 million or 0.1 percent to overall revenues from the current Schedule 136 revenues. A typical Schedule 7 Residential customer, consuming an average of 795 kWh, will see a bill decrease of \$0.07, or 0.1 percent.¹

Staff Review

Staff reviewed the Company's provided workpapers and found them to be consistent and commensurate with the proposed updates to Schedule 136.

Conclusion

Staff reviewed the filing, applicable rules and laws, and the Company's workpapers, and believes that the changes are appropriate and in accordance with the methodology approved by the Commission in Order No. 22-310. Staff finds the changes to Schedule 136 rates to be fair, just, and reasonable.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve Portland General Electric's update of Schedule 136, Oregon Community Solar Program Cost Recovery Mechanism.

¹ Initial filing, Docket No. 1566; <https://edocs.puc.state.or.us/efdocs/UAA/adv1566uaa161154.pdf>.

**SCHEDULE 136
OREGON COMMUNITY SOLAR PROGRAM
COST RECOVERY MECHANISM**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Schedule is to recover costs incurred during and for the development (or modification) of the Oregon Community Solar Program (Oregon CSP) including the costs associated with the State of Oregon's Program Administrator, Low Income Facilitator, the company's prudently incurred costs associated with implementing the Community Solar Program that are not otherwise included in rates, and payments to participants in the Oregon CSP. Company incurred costs to implement the state program do not include costs associated with the company developing a community solar project. This cost recovery mechanism is authorized by ORS 757.386 (7)(c) and OAR 860-088-0160. The Oregon CSP is an optional program that will provide PGE customers the opportunity to voluntarily subscribe to the generation output of eligible community solar projects. This adjustment schedule is implemented as an automatic adjustment clause as provided under ORS 757.210 to allow recovery of operations and maintenance start-up costs as soon as the cost data is approved by the Commission.

AVAILABLE

In all territory served by the Company.

APPLICABLE

To all bills for Electricity Service except Schedules 76Rand 576R.

ADJUSTMENT RATE

The Adjustment Rate, applicable for service on and after the effective date of this schedule are:

<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Adjustment Rate</u>	
7	0.012	¢ per kWh
15/515	0.009	¢ per kWh
32/532	0.011	¢ per kWh
38/538	0.012	¢ per kWh
47	0.017	¢ per kWh
49/549	0.015	¢ per kWh
75/575		
Secondary	0.006	¢ per kWh
Primary	0.006	¢ per kWh
Subtransmission	0.005	¢ per kWh

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SCHEDULE 136 (Continued)

ADJUSTMENT RATE (Continued)

83/583	0.009	¢ per kWh	(R)
85/485/585			
Secondary	0.007	¢ per kWh	
Primary	0.006	¢ per kWh	
89/489/589/689			
Secondary	0.006	¢ per kWh	
Primary	0.006	¢ per kWh	
Subtransmission	0.005	¢ per kWh	
90/490/590			
Primary 30-250 Mwa	0.005	¢ per kWh	(C)
Primary >250 Mwa	0.005	¢ per kWh	(C)
Subtransmission	0.005	¢ per kWh	
91/491/591	0.009	¢ per kWh	
92/492/592	0.006	¢ per kWh	
95/495/595	0.009	¢ per kWh	(R)

BALANCING ACCOUNT

The Company will maintain a balancing account to accrue differences between incremental costs associated with the Oregon CSP and the revenues collected under this schedule. This balancing account will accrue interest at the Commission-authorized rate for deferred accounts.

DEFERRAL MECHANISM

Each year the Company may file a deferral request to defer the incremental costs associated with the Oregon CSP.

SPECIAL CONDITION

1. Pursuant to OAR 860-088-0160 (1), Oregon CSP start-up costs are:
 - Costs associated with the Program Administrator and Low-Income Facilitator; and
 - Each utility’s prudently incurred start-up costs associated with implementing the Community Solar Program. These costs include, but are not limited to, costs associated with customer account information transfer and on-bill crediting and payment, but exclude any costs associated with the electric utility developing a project.