

Portland General Electric Company Legal Department 121 SW Salmon Street • 1WTC1301 • Portland, OR 97204 Phone 503-464-7822 • Fax 503-464-2200 portlandgeneral.com Loretta I. Mabinton Associate General Counsel loretta.mabinton@pgn.com

August 10, 2021

## Via Electronic Filing

Public Utility Commission of Oregon Attention: Filing Center 201 High Street SE, Suite 100 P.O. Box 1088 Salem, OR 97308-1088

## Re: UE 394 – PGE's Request for a General Rate Revision

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned docket is the Declaration of Heidi Hartson Regarding PGE's Notice of General Rate Revision and the corresponding newspaper affidavit and declaration (Exhibits A and B).

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

/s/ Loretta Mabinton

Loretta Mabinton Associate General Counsel

LM:hp Enclosure

### **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

### **OF OREGON**

### UE 394

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY,

Request for a General Rate Revision.

## DECLARATION OF HEIDI HARTSON REGARDING NOTICE OF GENERAL RATE REVISION

I, HEIDI HARTSON, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Oregon:

1. My full name is Heidi Hartson. I am a Principal Brand Consultant in the Corporate Communications Department at Portland General Electric Company ("PGE").

2. PGE filed its Request for a General Rate Revision with the Public Utility

Commission of Oregon on July 9, 2021.

3. Pursuant to OAR 860-022-0017, PGE caused to be published a display advertisement announcing the General Rate Revision on Friday, July 23, 2021, in *The Oregonian* and *The Salem Statesman Journal*. The ad sizes for *The Oregonian* were 4.92" column wide by 9.25" column tall, one-third page. The ad size for *The Salem Statesman Journal* was 4.94" column wide by 10.7" column tall, one-fourth page. The Affidavit and Declaration of

/////

/////

/////

Publication from the aforementioned newspapers, along with the published announcements, are attached as Exhibits A and B respectively.

DATED this 10th day of August, 2021.

/s/Heidi Hartson

Heidi Hartson

The Oregonian LEGAL AFFIDAVIT

AD#: 0010017244

State of Oregon,) ss County of Multhomah)

Brian Maly being duly sworn, deposes that he/she is principal clerk of Oregonian Media Group; that The Oregonian is a public newspaper published in the city of Portland, with general circulation in Oregon, and this notice is an accurate and true copy of this notice as printed in said newspaper, was printed and published in the regular edition and issue of said newspaper on the following date(s):

The Oregonian 07/23/2021/

Principal Clerk of the Publisher

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of July 2021

is Holoway Notari



# Investing to better serve our customers. And the future.

As Oregon's climate changes and as we work toward a cleaner environment, we're making necessary investments to upgrade our system. We have invested more than \$1 billion over the last few years to upgrade our system so we can deliver safe, reliable, clean electricity to our customers, including needed pole and underground wire replacements, new and upgraded substations to maintain reliability and address new and growing load while making the system more resilient to extreme weather and wildfire.

To better serve our customers and ensure that we can sustainably provide service, we asked the Oregon Public Utility Commission to review our costs of providing service and approve new prices to take effect in 2022, resulting in an overall increase in customer prices of about 3.9%.

Prices aren't changing right now. If approved, prices would become effective in two stages. Prices would change in January to reflect an update in annual power expenses, just as they do every January, and again in the spring when bills tend to be lower. The typical residential customer would see about a \$7.44/month increase on a monthly bill.

Before any price changes happen, the OPUC will gather information so it can make an informed decision, and they'll ask us for specific data to justify a price change. We will respond to those requests, and stakeholders and customer groups will offer their feedback. Finally, the OPUC will make a ruling, setting prices and concluding the process.



#### UE 394 - DECLARATION OF HEIDI HARTSON Exhibit A - Page 2 of 2

We work hard to keep the cost of electricity as low as possible. And as always, we're here to help. We are ready to work with you if you need help managing your energy use and bills. Visit **portlandgeneral.com/save-money** to learn about these resources.

Copies of the rate case filing (OPUC docket number UE-394), testimony and exhibits may be found at **portlandgeneral.com/reliabilitypricechange**. Printed copies of PGE's testimony and exhibits are available for inspection at our main office located at 121 S.W. Salmon St., Portland, OR 97204.

To receive notice of the time and place of any hearing on the matter, contact the Oregon Public Utility Commission, 201 High St. S.E., Suite 100, Salem, OR 97301; call 800-522-2404 or visit **oregon.gov/puc**.

#### En español: portlandgeneral.com/cambiodeprecios

The purpose of this announcement is to provide PGE customers with general information about this proposal and its effect on customers. Calculations and statements contained in this announcement are not binding on the OPUC.



© 2021 Portland General Electric, 121 S.W. Salmon St., Portland, OR 97204

## **DECLARATION OF PUBLICATION**

In The Matter Of: PGE advertisement

Advertisement for -Public Notice Rate Change

This is to certify that the above advertising for PGE appeared in

Newspaper name \_\_\_\_Salem Statesman Journal

On (Dates) \_\_\_\_\_Friday July 23rd, 2021.

Jan Harmand 8/4/2021

Signature

## **NATION & WORLD**

## US imposes new Cuba sanctions for rights abuses

#### Aamer Madhani and Matthew Lee ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON – The Biden administration announced new sanctions Thursday against a Cuban official and a government special brigade that it says

ficial and a government special brigade that it says was involved in human rights abuses during a government crackdown on protests on the island earlier this month.

The Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control listed Alvaro Lopez Miera, a Cuban military and political leader, and the Brigada Especial Nacional del Ministerio del Interior, or Interior Ministry Special Brigade, as among those who will face the latest sanctions.

The department said in a statement that Lopez Miera "has played an integral role in the repression of ongoing protests in Cuba." Cuba's Ministry of the Revolutionary Armed Forces, which is led to by Lopez Miera, and other Cuban government security services have attacked protesters and arrested or disappeared over 100 protesters, according to the department.

The regime led by Miguel Diaz-Canel moved quickly, and violently, to stem the protests.

The Interior Ministry Special Brigade was already sanctioned in January by the Trump administration, which targeted the entire ministry and Interior Minister Lazaro Alberto Alvarez Casas.

"I unequivocally condemn the mass detentions and sham trials that are unjustly sentencing to prison those who dared to speak out in an effort to intimidate and threaten the Cuban people into silence," President Joe Biden said in a statement. "The Cuban people have the same right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly as all people."

The move comes after the White House earlier this week announced that Biden had ordered his administration to take several steps to raise pressure on the communist regime after thousands of Cubans took to the streets of Havana and other cities earlier this month to protest food shortages and high prices.

Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez immediately took to Twitter to call the sanctions "baseless and slanderous" and suggested that Biden apply the sanctions on himself "for acts of everyday repression and police brutality" in the U.S.

## Calif. wildfire jumps across Nevada border

Better conditions help crews fight flames in southern Oregon

#### Nathan Howard ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLY, Ore. – Lower winds and better weather helped crews using bulldozers and helicopters battling the nation's largest wildfire in southern Oregon while a Northern California wildfire crossed into Nevada, prompting new evacuations as blazes burn across the West.

Oregon's Bootleg Fire grew to 624 square miles, over half the size of Rhode Island. However, authorities said higher humidity Wednesday and overnight and better conditions allowed crews to improve fire lines. The fire also was approaching an area burned by a previous fire on its active southeastern flank, raising hopes that lack of fuel could reduce its spread and the forecast was for favorable firefighting weather again on Thursday.

"Fire crews and support personnel have made significant progress in containing this fire in the last few days," Joe Prummer, Incident Commander trainee of Pacific Northwest Incident Management Team 2, said in a statement. "However, we still have a long road ahead of us to ensure the safety of the surrounding communities."

The Oregon fire, which was sparked by lightning, has ravaged the sparsely populated southern part of the state and had been expanding by up to 4 miles a day, pushed by strong winds and critically dry weather. The blaze, which is being fought by more than 2,200 people, is now more than one-third contained.

At least 2,000 homes were ordered evacuated at some point during the fire and an additional 5,000 were threatened. At least 70 homes and more than 100 outbuildings have burned, but no one is known to have died.

Meanwhile, the Tamarack Fire south of Lake Tahoe had burned more than 68 square miles of timber and head-high chaparral in national forest land. It erupted July 4 and was one of nearly two dozen blazes sparked by lightning strikes.



A burned car damaged by the Bootleg Fire is seen Wednesday on a mountain road near Bly, Ore. Weather conditions improved slightly, aiding in efforts to put out the Oregon blaze. NATHAN HOWARD/AP

More than 1,200 firefighters were battling the Alpine County blaze, which has destroyed at least 10 buildings, forced evacuations in several communities and had closed parts of U.S. 395 in Nevada and California. Fire officials expected active or extreme fire behavior on Thursday, which could see 14 mph winds and temperatures approaching 90 degrees Fahrenheit.

A request for voluntary evacuations was also issued for portions of Douglas County, Nevada. An evacuation center was set up at a community center in Gardnerville, Nevada.

To the northwest, the summer fun of boating and bathing came to an abrupt end for vacationers at Lake Almanor as the Dixie Fire spread up the west flank of the Sierra Nevada, expanding to more than 162 square miles. The west shore of the resort lake and many other small communities were under evacuation orders.

Meanwhile, Oregon on Wednesday banned all campfires on state-managed lands and in state campgrounds east of Interstate 5.

## statesman journal

## Subscribers

## Investing to better serve our customers. And the future.

As Oregon's climate changes and as we work toward a cleaner environment, we're making necessary investments to upgrade our system. We have invested more than \$1 billion over the last few

## SAVING MONEY

JUST GOT REAL EZ



*EZ Pay saves you time & money* with automatic monthly payments for your **Statesman Journal** account!

- Safe, secure, and convenient
  - No paper statement fee
    - Easy to set up

## Call 1-800-452-2511 or Go online statesmanjournal.com/ezpay



years to upgrade our system so we can deliver safe, reliable, clean electricity to our customers, including needed pole and underground wire replacements, new and upgraded substations to maintain reliability and address new and growing load while making the system more resilient to extreme weather and wildfire.

To better serve our customers and ensure that we can sustainably provide service, we asked the Oregon Public Utility Commission to review our costs of providing service and approve new prices to take effect in 2022, resulting in an overall increase in customer prices of about 3.9%.

Prices aren't changing right now. If approved, prices would become effective in two stages. Prices would change in January to reflect an update in annual power expenses, just as they do every January, and again in the spring when bills tend to be lower. The typical residential customer would see about a \$7.44/month increase on a monthly bill.

Before any price changes happen, the OPUC will gather information so it can make an informed decision, and they'll ask us for specific data to justify a price change. We will respond to those requests, and stakeholders and customer groups will offer their feedback. Finally, the OPUC will make a ruling, setting prices and concluding the process.

We work hard to keep the cost of electricity as low as possible. And as always, we're here to help. We are ready to work with you if you need help managing your energy use and bills. Visit **portlandgeneral.com/save-money** to learn about these resources.

Copies of the rate case filing (OPUC docket number UE-394), testimony and exhibits may be found at **portlandgeneral.com/ reliabilitypricechange**. Printed copies of PGE's testimony and exhibits are available for inspection at our main office located at 121 S.W. Salmon St., Portland, OR 97204.

To receive notice of the time and place of any hearing on the matter, contact the Oregon Public Utility Commission, 201 High St. S.E., Suite 100, Salem, OR 97301; call 800-522-2404 or visit **oregon.gov/puc**.

En español: portlandgeneral.com/cambiodeprecios

The purpose of this announcement is to provide PGE customers with general information about this proposal and its effect on customers. Calculations and statements contained in this announcement are not binding on the OPUC.



© 2021 Portland General Electric, 121 S.W. Salmon St., Portland, OR 97204