

Portland General Electric Rate Case Public Comment Hearing

Before We Get Started:

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Oregon Public Utility Commission

About Us and the Rate Case Process



Alison Lackey, Administrative Law Judge
May 3, 2023

Oregon PUC – What We Do

- Regulate utility rates and service
- Set utility rates in the rate case process
- Enforce safety standards and conduct on-site audits
- Our Consumer Services Team is available to help you settle utility-related disputes



Our Regulatory Obligation:
Balance the interests of both utility customers and the utility

Our Mission

Our mission is to ensure Oregonians have access to safe, reliable and fairly priced utility services that advance state policy and promote the public interest.

We use an inclusive process to evaluate differing viewpoints and visions of the public interest and arrive at balanced, well-reasoned, independent decisions supported by fact and law.



Who You're Commenting to Today

- Commissioners
 - Appointed by the Governor
 - Make all decisions before the Commission, including this rate case
- Administrative Law Judge
 - The judge who presides over this rate case



*Megan Decker,
Chair*



*Letha Tawney,
Commissioner*



*Mark Thompson,
Commissioner*



Rate Case Parties

PUC Staff

- Thoroughly reviews the utility's filing
- Participates throughout the rate case process

Intervenors

- An org or individual with full party status in the case
- Participates throughout the case – issues data requests, files testimony, etc.

Portland General Electric Company

- Files the initial rate change request
- Has the burden to demonstrate the rate request is justified



Rate Case - Process

View filed documents and schedule at Oregon.gov/puc
Select eDockets and search 'docket by number' - enter UE 416

➤ 1. UTILITY FILING

Utility submits rate change filing to the PUC



➤ 2. SET SCHEDULE

PUC adopts schedule, receives petitions to intervene, identifies issues, identifies parties to the case, creates service list



➤ 3. PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING

Opportunity for the public to voice concerns/opinions to Commissioners



➤ 4. DISCOVERY

Parties request information from each other through data requests



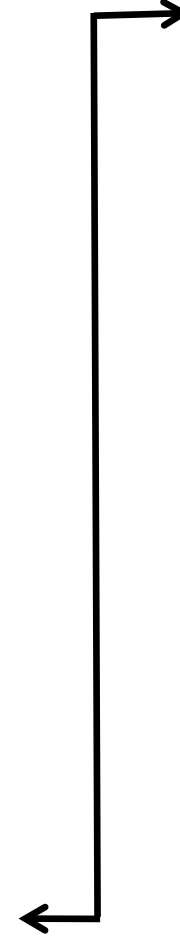
➤ 5. SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES

Utility, staff, and intervenors try to reach agreement on as many issues in the case as possible



➤ 6. WRITTEN TESTIMONY

PUC Staff and intervenors respond to utility's direct testimony



➤ 7. EVIDENTIARY HEARING

Cross-examination of witnesses
September 26, 2022



➤ 8. WRITTEN BRIEFS

Briefs are submitted by parties



➤ 9. COMMISSION DECISION

Commission issues order –
December 2023

Public comments accepted through
May 31, 2023

Rate Case Decision

- Some/all issues may be addressed in settlements between parties
 - Commission order could adopt/reject any of those settlements
- If not all issues resolved in settlements, the remaining issues will be resolved by the Commission order
- Results typically differ from the utility's request, but Commissioners could authorize...
 - The rate change requested by the utility
 - A lesser increase in rates than requested
 - A decrease in rates



If you are joining the Portland General Electric rate case public comment hearing and wish to provide comments, please raise your hand.

If you don't want to speak tonight but want to make sure your voice is still heard you can submit comments in writing or via telephone to the commission's consumer services division by May 31st.

- Email: puc.PublicComments@puc.Oregon.gov
- Call: 800-522-2404 (interpretation services available)