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Re: UM 2217 PGE's Application for Deferral of Revenues Associated with the Change in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Open Access Transmission Tariff

Enclosed for filing is Portland General Electric Company's Application for Reauthorization of Deferral of Revenues Associated with the Change in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Open Access Transmission Tariff.

A Notice regarding the filing of this application has been provided to the parties on the UE 394 and UM 2217 service lists.

Parties who wish to receive a copy of this Application should review the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (OPUC) website.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions or require further information, please call me at (503) 464-7488 or Greg Batzler at (503) 464-8644. Please direct all formal correspondence, questions, or requests to the following e-mail address pge.opuc.filings@pgn.com.

Sincerely,

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Manager, Revenue Requirement

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cc: Service Lists UE 394 & UM 2217

### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

#### **OF OREGON**

#### **UM 2217**

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

Application for Deferral of Revenues Associated with the Change in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Open Access Transmission Tariff Application for Reauthorization to Defer Revenues Associated with the Change in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Open Access Transmission Tariff

Pursuant to ORS 757.259, OAR 860-027-0300, and Commission Order No. 22-311 Portland General Electric Company (PGE) hereby requests reauthorization to defer revenues associated with the change in PGE's Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT). In addition, this filing also requests reauthorization of an automatic adjustment clause rate schedule with an associated balancing account mechanism to track the ongoing revenue and refund amounts related to the FERC Transmission Rates. PGE requests that this deferral have an effective date of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. In support of this Application PGE states:

- PGE is a public utility in the state of Oregon and its rates, service and accounting
  practices are subject to regulation by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon
  (Commission or OPUC).
- 2. This application is filed pursuant to ORS 757.259, which allows the Commission, upon application, to authorize deferral of certain items.
- 3. Written communications regarding this Application should be addressed to:

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In addition to the names and addresses above, the following are to receive notices and communications via the e-mail service list:

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## I. OAR 860-027-0300(3) Requirements

The following is provided pursuant to OAR 860-027-0300(3):

## A. <u>Background Description</u>

On August 29, 2019, PGE filed an application, Docket UM 2031, asking the Commission to support a proposal to reclassify as transmission assets, certain 115kV and 57 kV facilities that were classified as distribution plant at the time. Commission Order No. 19-400 directs that the Company "hold all customer classes harmless for the time between the rate effective date in FERC and Commission rate cases that include the reclassified assets." PGE filed a FERC rate case on October 28, 2021 and is currently awaiting final approval of new rates. PGE's initial application to defer all revenues resulting from the change in the OATT rate as authorized by Order No. 19-400 was approved through Commission Order No. 22-311 and the effective date of PGE's new OATT was January 1, 2022. PGE has since reached a settlement on all issues in the FERC case and PGE has made an interim rate filing effective January 1, 2023, in order to update to the settled rates prior to and pending the final order from the FERC. As PGE's most recently approved general rate case (Docket No. UE 394) continues to reflect forecasted revenues resulting from PGE transmission rates in effect prior to January 1, 2022, PGE requests reauthorization to continue to

defer incremental revenues associated with the change in FERC transmission rates, until such time that PGE can incorporate the impacts of PGE's revised transmission rates within base customer prices.

## B. Reasons for Deferral

Pursuant to ORS 757.259(2)(e) and for the reasons discussed above, PGE seeks continued deferred accounting treatment for revenues associated with the change in the FERC OATT rate. Granting this Application will minimize the frequency of rate changes and match appropriately the costs borne by and benefits received by customers. The approval of the application will support the use of an automatic adjustment clause rate schedule and associated balancing account so that the referenced transmission revenues can be refunded to PGE's retail customers

## C. <u>Proposed Accounting for Recording Amounts Deferred.</u>

PGE proposes the following transmission rate change accounting treatment: the balancing account will be recorded in FERC account 242 (Current Regulatory Liability). FERC rate payments (i.e., revenues received from third-party transmission customers) will be credited to FERC Account 242 and debited to FERC Account 407.4 (Regulatory Credit). Transmission rate amortization (i.e., refunds to PGE's retail customers) will be debited to FERC Account 242 and credited to FERC Account 407.4. Interest will accrue on the balance at the approved modified blended treasury rate.

### D. Estimate of Amounts to be Recorded for the Next 12 months.

PGE estimates the change in transmission rate amount to refund applicable to calendar year 2023 to be approximately \$7.0 million.

## E. Notice

A copy of the Notice of Application for Deferral of Revenues Associated with the change

in FERC OATT rate and a list of persons served with Notice are attached to the Application as Attachment A. In compliance with OAR 860-027-0300(6), PGE is serving Notice of Application on the UM 2217 and UE 394 Service Lists.

## II. Summary of Filing Conditions

## A. Earnings Review

Cost recovery associated with this deferral will not be subject to an earnings review since it is subject to an automatic adjustment clause.

### B. Prudence Review

A prudence review should be performed by the Commission Staff as part of their review of this deferral's annual reauthorization filing.

## C. Sharing

No sharing mechanism applies to the change in FERC transmission revenues.

## D. Rate Spread/Rate Design

Applicable revenues will be allocated to each cost-of-service schedule using the applicable schedule's forecasted energy on the basis of an equal percent of transmission revenue applied on a cents-per-kWh basis.

## E. Three percent test (ORS 757.259(6))

The amortization of the Pilot's deferred revenues will be subject to the three percent test in accordance with the ORS 757.259 (6) and (8), which limits aggregated deferral amortizations during a 12-month period to no more than three percent of the utility's gross revenues for the preceding year.

## III. Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, PGE requests approval to defer the revenues associated with the change in PGE's OATT effective as of the FERC approval date.

DATED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2022.

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# **Attachment A**

Notice of Application for Reauthorization to Defer Revenues Associated with the Change in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Open Access Transmission Tariff

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

## **OF OREGON**

#### **UM 2217**

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

Application for an Order Approving the Deferral of Revenues

Notice of Application for Reauthorization to Defer Revenues Associated with the Change in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Open Access Transmission Tariff

On December 22, 2022, Portland General Electric Company (PGE) filed an Application with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (the Commission or OPUC) for an Order authorizing deferral of revenues associated with the change in PGE's Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Approval of PGE's Application as proposed will support the use of an automatic adjustment clause rate schedule and balancing account to reflect the incremental revenues associated with the FERC transmission rates.

Persons who wish to obtain a copy of PGE's application will be able to access it on the OPUC website.

Any person who wishes to submit written comments to the Commission on PGE's application must do so no later than January 16, 2023.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2022.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day caused the Notice of Application for

Reauthorization to Defer Revenues Associated with the Change in Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission Open Access Transmission Tariff to be served by electronic mail to those parties on the attached service list for OPUC Docket Nos. UM 2217 and UE 394.

Dated at Portland, Oregon, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2022.

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