

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: October 22, 2019**

REGULAR  CONSENT  EFFECTIVE DATE November 1, 2019

**DATE:** October 14, 2019

**TO:** Public Utility Commission

**FROM:** Mitchell Moore

**THROUGH:** Jason Eisdorfer and John Crider **SIGNED**

**SUBJECT:** PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC: (Docket No. ADV 1021/Advice No. 19-18) Updates Schedule 26, Energy Payments for Non-residential Demand Response Pilot Program.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Commission approve Portland General Electric's (PGE or Company) filing that updates the Firm Energy Payments made to customers related to the demand response pilot program in Schedule 26, with an effective date of November 1, 2019.

**ISSUE:**

Whether the Commission should approve PGE's proposed updates to the Firm Energy Payments and other clarifying language contained in Schedule 26, with an effective date of November 1, 2019.

**DISCUSSION:**

Applicable Law

The Commission may approve tariff changes if they are deemed to be fair, just and reasonable. ORS 757.210. 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.

### Overview

On September 26, 2019, PGE filed Advice No. 19-18, requesting an update to the Firm Energy Payments made to non-residential customers that respond to demand response events as defined in Schedule 26. In this filing PGE only updates the remaining months of November and December, 2019.

Historically, Schedule 26 has been updated each November through the following October. In order to transition to a calendar year forecast, the Company intends to make another update filing in mid-November to include the full calendar year 2020, based on the November 2019 price forecast. This will enable PGE to use the latest power cost forecast for 2020.

### Analysis

Schedule 26 is an optional service that provides large non-industrial customers incentives for reducing a committed amount of load at the request of the Company. The program is currently in pilot status and is expected to run through September 30, 2020.

The incentive payments made to customers under Schedule 26, known as Firm Energy Payments, are based on the Mid-Columbia Electricity Index (Mid-C) as reported by the Powerdex, and adjusted for losses based on the Customer's delivery voltage. This filing updates the November 2019 through December 2019 payments based on the most recent forecast.

In its review, Staff verified the accuracy of the proposed payments as reflected in the identification of this forecast in the Company's UE 335 rate case filing.

### Conclusion

Staff reviewed the Company's filing and redline changes to the Company's Schedule 26. Staff is satisfied that the changes are appropriate, and reflect the current approved forecast of forward market gas prices.

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**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

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