

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: April 21, 2020**

REGULAR  CONSENT  EFFECTIVE DATE May 5, 2020

**DATE:** April 7, 2020

**TO:** Public Utility Commission

**FROM:** John Fox

**THROUGH:** Bryan Conway, Michael Dougherty, John Crider, and Marianne Gardner **SIGNED**

**SUBJECT:** PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC:  
(Docket No. ADV 1106/PGE Advice No. 20-07)  
Updates IBEW Labor Rate in Schedules 91, 95, 491, 495, 591, 595, and updates the Other than Scheduled Crew Hours billing rate for trouble calls in Schedule 300.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) approve Portland General Electric's (PGE or Company) Advice No. 20-07, which updates IBEW Local 125 Labor Rates, effective for service on and after May 5, 2020.

**DISCUSSION:**

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve PGE's Advice No. 20-07, which updates IBEW Local 125 Labor Rates for applicable schedules, effective for service rendered on and after May 5, 2020.

Applicable Law

ORS 757.205(1) states that a public utility must file schedules showing all rates, tolls, and charges for service that have been established and are in force at the time.

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. Filings that make 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 changes. ORS 757.220.

The Commission reviews tariffs filed under ORS 757.205 and 757.210 to determine whether they are fair, just, and reasonable.

### Analysis

#### *Background*

Portland General Electric submitted this filing to the Commission on March 25, 2020, pursuant to ORS 757.205, ORS 757.210, and OAR 860-022-0025, with a requested effective date of May 5, 2020. In its filing, the Company requests updates to certain Street and Area Lighting Tariffs – related to the labor rates that customers are charged for the replacement of non-repairable luminaires. These customers are municipalities and state and federal agencies with PGE street lighting service or that use PGE street lighting equipment.

This filing also updates the “Other than Scheduled Crew Hours” billing rate for trouble calls due to customer-owned equipment in Schedule 300. PGE states that the current charge of \$170.00 per hour has not been updated since it became effective in March 2004. The rate is now \$254 per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Staff has reviewed the Company’s work papers submitted with the filing and finds the calculations and methodology to be reasonable.

Staff has reviewed all affected tariff schedules for accuracy and finds the revisions to all sheets to be accurate, and further finds the tariffs are fair, just, and reasonable.

#### *Effects of filing*

To satisfy the requirements of Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 860-022-0025 and 860-022-0030, PGE provides the following responses:

These labor rates provide the basis upon which to charge the labor to replace non-repairable luminaires owned by Customers. PGE has approximately 200 Customers on the above listed Schedules. The revenue from this change depends on the number of replacements each year and the number of trouble calls that require after-hours crews.

### Conclusion

Based on Staff's analysis of PGE's filing and the associated work papers, Staff finds that the updated IBEW Local 125 labor rates, applicable to Street and Area Lighting tariffs are accurate and consistent with past Commission Orders, and result in rates that are fair, just, and reasonable.

Staff notes that the increase is the Schedule 300 rate only applies to trouble calls occurring outside of scheduled crew hours and customers will be informed of and agree to the charge before a crew is dispatched. There is no charge for service occurring between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Customers may avoid the charge by obtaining service during those hours.

Staff recommends the Commission approve the Company's application.

### **PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

Approve PGE's Advice No. 19-09, which updates IBEW Local 125 Labor Rates for applicable schedules, effective with service rendered on and after May 5, 2020.