

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: June 15, 2021**

REGULAR CONSENT EFFECTIVE DATE June 16, 2021

DATE: June 7, 2021

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Eric Shierman

THROUGH: Bryan Conway, JP Batmale, and Sarah Hall **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC:
(Docket No. ADV 1265/Advice No. 21-13)
Housekeeping changes to Schedule 54.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) approve Portland General Electric's (PGE or Company) filing, Advice No. 21-13.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve PGE's Advice No. 21-13, which changes Schedule 54 with housekeeping updates of the product name and description.

Applicable Rule

Under ORS 757.205(1):

Every public utility shall file with the Public Utility Commission, within a time to be fixed by the commission, schedules which shall be open to public inspection, showing all rates, tolls and charges which it has established and which are in force at the time for any service performed by it within the state, or for any service in connection therewith or performed by any public utility controlled or operated by it.

The Commission may approve tariff changes if they are deemed to be fair, just, and reasonable. ORS 757.210. OAR 860-022-0025(2) specifically requires that each energy utility changing existing tariffs or schedules must include in its filing a statement plainly

indicating the increase, decrease, or other change made with the filing, the number of customers affected by the proposed change and the resulting change in annual revenue; and the reasons or grounds relied upon in support of the proposed change.

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. ORS 757.220; OAR 860-022-0015. Tariff filings to be effective on less than 30 days following notice of the change may be authorized with a waiver of less than statutory notice pursuant to ORS 757.220 and OAR 860-022-0020.

OAR 860-022-0030(1) further requires that for tariff or schedule filings proposing increased rates, the utility must for each separate schedule, identify the total number of customers affected, the total annual revenue derived under the existing schedule, and the amount of estimated revenue which will be derived from applying the proposed schedule, the average monthly use and resulting bills under both the existing rates and the proposed rates that will fairly represent the application of the proposed tariff or schedules, and the reasons or grounds relied upon in support of the proposed increase.

Analysis

Background

On June 21, 2002, PGE filed a proposal for Schedule 54. On October 15, 2002, the Commission approved Schedule 54 with Order No. 700, which approved a modified version refiled on September 19, 2002.

Schedule 54 is a renewable energy certificate (REC) rider for large nonresidential customers. This allows qualified customers to purchase RECs from PGE.

In October 2017, Schedule 54 was updated in Docket No. ADV 620/Advice No. 17-15 to allow for a “specified resource option.” This allows qualified customers to specify the general type of resource from which the RECs will be acquired, or to develop a custom contract with PGE for RECs from specific individual resources. The option restricts eligibility by generation facilities solely owned by an investor-owned utility (or included in the rate base of an investor-owned utility) and constructed for the purpose of serving cost-of-service utility customers.¹

Name Change

The product is currently named Clean Wind. PGE proposes to change the name to

¹ See PGE Advice No. 17-15 Schedule 54 Large Nonresidential Renewable Energy Certificates Rider, Third Revision of Sheet No. 54-2 Canceling Second Revision of Sheet No. 54-2.

Green Resource Mix. This change is meant to coordinate with the Company's branding updates and has no impact on how customers purchase RECs.

Other Housekeeping Changes

PGE has proposed to also:

- Remove language referring to purchases as a percentage of load; and
- Remove a reference to purchasing an annual equivalent instead of a monthly payment.

The intent of these small changes is to provide customers more flexibility in how they purchase RECs. Staff finds these changes and the name change reasonable.

Conclusion

This filing makes nonsubstantive changes to PGE's Schedule 54 and the application fulfills the requirements under statute and rule. Staff finds the changes reasonable.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Staff recommends the Commission approve PGE's filing, Advice No. 21-13.