

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: November 1, 2022**

**REGULAR**      **CONSENT**   X   **EFFECTIVE DATE**     November 2, 2022    

**DATE:** October 17, 2022

**TO:** Public Utility Commission

**FROM:** Bret Stevens

**THROUGH:** Bryan Conway, Marc Hellman, and Matt Muldoon **SIGNED**

**SUBJECT:** PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC:  
(Docket No. ADV 1429/Advice No. 22-20)  
IBEW Local 125 Labor Rate Update.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Commission approve Portland General Electric Company's (PGE or Company) filing of IBEW Local 125 Labor Rate Update associated with tariff P.U.C. No. 18, effective for service rendered on and after November 2, 2022.

**DISCUSSION:**

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve PGE's request to update selected Luminaire Schedules affected by PGE's increased labor rates as a result of the Company's Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local Union No. 125 (Agreement).

Applicable Law

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 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. 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;
- Identify the total annual revenue derived under the existing schedule and the amount of estimated revenue which will be derived from applying the proposed schedule;
- Provide 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
- Outline the reasons or grounds relied upon in support of the proposed increase.

### Analysis

On September 20, 2022, PGE submitted its Advice Filing No. 22-20. In this filing, PGE proposes to increase rates to reflect updated labor rates resulting from its recent negotiations with IBEW Local 125, with a requested effective date of November 2, 2022. These updated rates would affect the following tariff sheets associated with Tariff P.U.C. No. 18: Sheet No. 91-8, Sheet No. 95-7, Sheet No. 300-1, Sheet No. 491-8, Sheet No. 495-7, Sheet No. 591-7, and Sheet No. 595-5.

This filing requests a labor rate update that includes a \$2 increase per hour to PGE's Straight Time Labor Rate and a \$6 increase per hour in PGE's Overtime Labor Rate for crews to replace non-repairable luminaires not owned by PGE. The labor rate update also decreases the billing rate for "Other than crew hours" (trouble calls) by \$10 per hour.

**Table 1: Proposed Labor Rate Changes**

<b>Service Type</b>	<b>Current Rate \$/hour</b>	<b>Proposed Rate \$/hour</b>	<b>Change in Rate \$/hour</b>
Straight Time for non-PGE luminaires	\$124	\$126	+\$2
Overtime for non-PGE luminaires	\$155	\$161	+\$6
Trouble Calls	\$270	\$260	-\$10

PGE's pertinent labor rates are published under Schedules:

- Twentieth Revision of Sheet No. 91-8,
- Seventh Revision of Sheet No. 95-7,
- Twenty-Third Revision of Sheet No. 300-1,
- Sixteenth Revision of Sheet No. 491-8,
- Seventh Revision of Sheet No. 495-7,
- Twenty-Sixth Revision of Sheet No. 591-7, and
- Tenth Revision of Sheet No. 595-5.

PGE lighting labor rates apply to municipalities and state and federal agencies that have PGE street-lighting service or use. Specifically, the labor rates apply to the charges for replacement of luminaires owned by customers.

PGE has approximately 200 Customers on the above listed street-lighting 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.

Staff reviewed PGE's filing, labor rates from the CBA, and spreadsheets that use these labor rates to construct the crew rates described above. Staff also met with PGE on

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September 29, 2022, to get background on the proposed rate changes and PGE's justifications.

### Conclusion

Staff finds the Company has met the requirements of statute and administrative rule. Staff also submitted clarification requests for information by phone and e-mail, and reviewed PGE's responses to those requests. Staff has verified that the rates in the Company's filing are consistent with the rates derived from the CBA labor rate sheet and are reasonable.

The Company has reviewed this memo and agrees with its contents.

### **PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

Approve PGE's Advice No. 22-20, IBEW Local 125 Labor Rate Update, effective for service rendered on and after November 2, 2022.

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