

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: December 28, 2023**

REGULAR **CONSENT** **EFFECTIVE DATE** January 1, 2024

DATE: December 18, 2023

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Eric Shierman

THROUGH: JP Batmale and Sarah Hall **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: PACIFIC POWER:
(Docket No. ADV 1574/Advice No. 23-023)
Update to Schedule 118, Nonresidential Charging Pilot, and new
Schedule 119, Fleet Make-Ready Pilot.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Pacific Power's Advice No. 23-023, modifying Schedule 118 and establishing Schedule 119.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve Pacific Power's Advice No. 23-023.

Applicable Rule or Law

ORS 757.357 requires electric companies to file a Transportation Electrification (TE) Plan for acceptance by the Commission every three years.

OAR 860-087-0020 provides the requirements for an electric company TE Plan.

Under ORS 757.210, the Commission may approve tariff changes if they are deemed to be fair, just, and reasonable. Tariff revisions may be made by filing revised sheets with the information required under the Commission's administrative rules, including OAR 860-022-0025.

According to ORS 757.220 and OAR 860-022-0015, 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.

House Bill (HB) 2165 directs each electric company with 25,000 or more Oregon retail electricity consumers to collect, through monthly meter charges, an amount from each retail electricity consumer served through its the distribution system.¹ The total amounts collected under this section must be set to one quarter of one percent of the total revenues collected by the electric company from all retail electricity consumers.²

Funds collected through the monthly meter charge must be expended by the electric company to support and integrate TE, be consistent with a budget approved by the Commission, and made on elements contained within the electric company's TE Plan accepted by the Commission pursuant to ORS 757.357.³

An electric company must account separately for all revenues and expenditures related to these funds and report the revenues and expenditures on a schedule and in the manner prescribed by the Commission.⁴

An electric company must make reasonable efforts to spend not less than one-half of the amount collected through the monthly meter charge to support TE in underserved communities.⁵

Analysis

Background

In its advice filing No. 23-023, Pacific Power (Company) proposes an update to Schedules 118 and the establishment of a new Schedule 119 to allow implementation of the Company's 2023-2025 TE Plan. The Commission accepted that Plan at the July 11, 2023, Public Meeting.

Therefore, in this filing, Pacific Power seeks to update tariffs for programs and budgets that the Commission has previously approved. In August 2021, the Commission adopted Staff's recommendation to approve Advice No. 21-016, creating Schedule 118,

¹ Oregon Laws 2021, chapter 95, section 2(2), *compiled as a note after* ORS 757.357 (2021).

² *Id.*

³ *Id.* at section 2(3).

⁴ *Id.* at section 2(4).

⁵ *Id.* at section 2(6).

the Company's Nonresidential Charging Pilot.⁶ On July 11, 2023, the Commission approved Pacific Power's application for the Fleet Make-Ready Pilot.⁷

Summary of Proposed Schedule Changes

Pacific Power modifies Schedule 118 to add language around incentive fund reservation and to increase the incentive paid to multifamily-unit dwellings (MUDs). The filing involves four changes:

1. Changes the tariff name to "Transportation Electrification Nonresidential and Multifamily-Unit Dwellings Charging Pilot" to communicate to customers that MUDs are covered by this pilot.
2. This adds language explaining how incentive funds will be reserved for qualifying projects and returned to the funding pool if not used within 18 months so that the funds can be utilized by future projects. An 18-month deadline better aligns the administration of this pilot with the Oregon Department of Energy's Community Charging rebate.
3. Increases the per port incentive from \$3,000 to \$4,500 and increases the percentage of EVSE eligible costs that are paid to MUDs to 75 percent of total project costs.
4. References the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) qualified product list as the Company for technical requirements.

Increasing the incentives for electrification was a theme in Pacific Power's TE Plan.⁸ The increase in incentives is part of the Company's efforts to lower the cost of electrification. MUDs are particularly sensitive to project costs, having limited tolerance of a cost share. During the public review of the Company's TE Plan this year, these Schedule 118 incentive increases were not controversial.

Pacific Power establishes a new Schedule 119 to implement the Fleet Make Ready Pilot. The program will incentivize the electrification of commercial fleets by offering a customer an incentive of up to \$100,000 per project. The incentive can be used to cover the make ready cost associated with installing electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) for the purpose of charging fleet vehicles. This pilot was introduced as part of the Company's accepted TE Plan earlier this year. During the public review of the TE Plan, the Fleet Make Ready Pilot was not controversial.

⁶ See Docket No. ADV 1288, OPUC, Letter, August 24, 2021, p 1.

⁷ See Docket No. UM 2056, OPUC, Order No. 23-257, July 13, 2023, p 1.

⁸ See Docket No. UM 2056, Pacific Power, TE Plan, May 19, 2023, pp 46-49.

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Reason for Staff Recommendation

Staff has reviewed Pacific Power's filing for consistency with the Company's TE Plan. These two tariffs are consistent with the TE Plan the Commission has accepted.

Conclusion

Staff finds Pacific Power's modifications to Schedules 118 and establishment of a Schedule 119 reasonable and consistent with the Company's final 2023-2025 TE Plan. Staff recommends the Commission approve these modifications.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

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