

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT

PUBLIC MEETING DATE: December 20, 2016

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE January 1, 2017

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TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Judy Johnson 

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer and Marc Hellman  

SUBJECT: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC: (Docket No. ADV 263/Advice No. 16-04) Requests authorization to update Schedule 122 for increases related to the Portland Public Schools solar project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve Portland General Electric Company's (PGE or Company) application to update Schedule 122 for increases related to the Portland Public Schools (PPS) solar project.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve PGE's request to update Schedule 122 (Renewable Resource Automatic Adjustment Clause) for increases related to the Portland Public Schools solar project.

Applicable Law

PGE submitted its application pursuant to ORS 757.205, 757.210, 469A.120, OAR 860-022-0025, and 860-022-0030.

Analysis

PGE filed its original filing on March 30, 2016 and subsequently updated it on December 1, 2016. This filing is made consistent with the Schedule 122 Renewable Resources Automatic Adjustment Clause to update the revenue requirements and

prices related to the PPS solar project previously approved in Commission Order No. 15-304 (Docket No. UE 297). Schedule 122 recovers the revenue requirement of qualifying of Company-owned or contracted new renewable energy resources (including associated transmission costs) not otherwise included in rates. Additional new renewable projects may be included into this schedule as they are placed in service.

The main effect of this filing is to remove a \$2.9 million credit from the current Schedule 122 rates as discussed below.

The current and proposed Schedule 122 prices already recover the prospective PPS 2017 fixed revenue requirements of approximately \$612,000. The 2017 dispatch benefits will be contained in the 2017 Schedule 125 Annual Power Cost Update. The 2015 gain on the associated property sale of approximately \$2.9 million is being amortized over one year through current Schedule 122 prices and will be no longer present in 2017 prices.

PGE estimates that approximately 867,000 Cost of Service (COS) customers will be impacted by this overall \$2.9 million or 0.17 percent increase in COS revenues from the proposed Schedule 122 prices. A typical Schedule 7 customer consuming 840 kWh monthly will see a bill increase of \$0.15 or 0.15 percent.

Conclusion

Staff concludes that the Company's application to update Schedule 122 for increases related to the Portland Public Schools solar project is consistent with ORS 757.205 and 757.210. Staff has discussed the memo with the Company and PGE has no objections.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve PGE's application to update Schedule 122 for increases related to the Portland Public Schools solar project.