ITEM NO. CA23

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON STAFF REPORT PUBLIC MEETING DATE: December 27, 2022

REGULAR CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE

- DATE: December 19, 2022
- **TO:** Public Utility Commission
- FROM: Mitchell Moore

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

SUBJECT: <u>PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC</u>: (UM 2262) Request for Changes to the Time of Day Evaluation

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission amend its prior approval of Advice No. 20-34 to extend the due date to provide a comprehensive evaluation report on Time of Day (TOD) rates from December 2022 to July 2023.

DISCUSSION:

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Whether the Commission should amend its prior approval of Advice No. 20-34 to extend the TOD evaluation report deadline from December 2022 to July 2023.

Applicable Rule or Law

The Commission, per ORS 756.060, has authority and jurisdiction to supervise and regulate every public utility in Oregon and to do all things necessary and convenient to exercise its authority. Under ORS 756.568, the Commission may, at any time, rescind, suspend, or amend any order.

On January 26, 2021, Chief Administrative Law Judge issued written notification to PGE that the Commission had adopted Staff's recommendation in Docket ADV 1194, Advice No. 20-34.

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<u>Analysis</u>

Background:

At its January 26, 2021, Public Meeting, the Commission allowed PGE's tariff advice filing No. 20-34, updating the Company's Schedule 7 Residential Time of Use (TOU).

One of the conditions in the Staff memorandum directed PGE to submit a comprehensive report, which includes a cost-effectiveness analysis, of its Schedule 7 TOU offerings by December 2022.

In discussions with Staff, PGE communicated that reallocating the 2022 budget to 2023 and extending the deadline to July 2023 would enable a more comprehensive and meaningful evaluation of the program, as the Company is still early in its enrollment process. The 2023 report would include surveys designed to understand the effectiveness of marketing/outreach and recall for participants and non-participants, as well as their behaviors, attitudes, and opinions.

Initially the Company had budgeted \$95,000 to produce the 2022 evaluation. PGE states in the filing that it will reallocate that money to its 2023 evaluation budget of \$95,000, providing a total of \$190,000. Commission Order No. 22-115 approved a two-year budget for the TOD pilot, covering 2022-2023. PGE states this amount is sufficient to cover the scope of a fully comprehensive report.

Conclusion

Staff concludes that the Company's request is reasonable, and agrees that a more thorough and comprehensive evaluation report would be useful. Staff has no objection to the request.

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

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Amend the prior approval of Advice No. 20-34 to extend the due date to provide a comprehensive evaluation report on Time of Day (TOD) rates from December 2022 to July 2023.

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