ISSUED: March 21, 2023

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

## OF OREGON

**UE 416** 

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTIC COMPANY,

FIRST SET OF BENCH REQUESTS, 1-1 through 1-6.

Request for a General Rate Revision.

The following questions are intended to facilitate a comprehensive understanding of the changes to the company's rates occurring throughout the year, and to obtain more detail regarding the effects of the amortizations and adjustment mechanisms outside of base rates, including the status of the company's current authorized and requested deferrals and amortizations.

- 1-1 Based on the rate elements proposed in this docket for effect January 1, 2024, provide separate bill impacts for average single family and multi-family residential customers in dollar and percentage terms, identifying the average usage in kWh for each.
- 1-2 Identify the overall proposed increase, expressed both in dollar and percentage terms that would result from approval all rate elements proposed for effect January 1, 2024 (both those included in this docket and any automatic adjustment clauses (AACs), amortizations, or rate adjustments addressed outside this docket). Include in this response a breakdown identifying each separate element (*i.e.*, AAC, amortization, or other rate adjustment) proposed to change on January 1, 2024, and the change associated with each such rate element, expressed both in dollar and percentage terms.
- 1-3 Please provide a high-level timeline identifying all proposed and currently effective AACs, amortizations, or other rate adjustments. For each, please include any regular filing and rate effective dates.
- 1-4 Please identify any other requests or applications (either filed or anticipated to be filed) not identified in the response to questions 1-1 or 1-2 that could result in a rate adjustment during the test year. For any such requests, provide the overall rate impact, expressed both in dollar and percentage terms, both with and without power costs that would result from approval of the company's request in that docket as well as the requested/anticipated effective date of any associated rate adjustment.

1-5 Refer to PGE/1401, Ferchland-Batzler/1. Please confirm that this represents a comprehensive list of all current authorized and anticipated deferral requests. For each deferral, indicate the dates for: (a) the initial request (but if filed annually on a continual long-term basis, then provide the date of the most recent request only), (b) any pending renewal requests, (c) any Commission authorizations, (d) amounts deferred by calendar year, (e) current deferral balance, including interest showing the interest amount separately, (f) any anticipated renewal requests, and (g) associated ongoing amortizations or anticipated/pending amortization requests.

The company is directed to file responses by 3:00 p.m., on April 4, 2023. The parties may file replies by 3:00 p.m., on April 18, 2023.

Dated this 21st day of March, 2023, at Salem, Oregon.

Alison Lackey Administrative Law Judge

## NOTICE OF CONTESTED CASE RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

Oregon law requires state agencies to provide parties written notice of contested case rights and procedures. Under ORS 183.413, you are entitled to be informed of the following:

**Hearing:** The time and place of any hearing held in these proceedings will be noticed separately. The Commission will hold the hearing under its general authority set forth in ORS 756.040 and use procedures set forth in ORS 756.518 through 756.610 and OAR Chapter 860, Division 001. Copies of these statutes and rules may be accessed via the Commission's website at <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/puc/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/puc/Pages/default.aspx</a>. The Commission will hear issues as identified by the parties.

**Right to Attorney:** As a party to these proceedings, you may be represented by counsel. Should you desire counsel but cannot afford one, legal aid may be able to assist you; parties are ordinarily represented by counsel. The Commission Staff, if participating as a party in the case, will be represented by the Department of Justice. Generally, once a hearing has begun, you will not be allowed to postpone the hearing to obtain counsel.

**Notice to Active Duty Servicemembers:** Active Duty Servicemembers have a right to stay these proceedings under the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. For more information contact the Oregon State Bar at 800-452-8260, the Oregon Military Department at 503-584-3571 or the nearest United States Armed Forces Legal Assistance Office through <a href="http://legalassistance.law.af.mil">http://legalassistance.law.af.mil</a>. The Oregon Military Department does not have a toll free telephone number.

**Administrative Law Judge:** The Commission has delegated the authority to preside over hearings to Administrative Law Judges (ALJs). The scope of an ALJ's authority is defined in OAR 860-001-0090. The ALJs make evidentiary and other procedural rulings, analyze the contested issues, and present legal and policy recommendations to the Commission.

**Hearing Rights:** You have the right to respond to all issues identified and present evidence and witnesses on those issues. *See* OAR 860-001-0450 through OAR 860-001-0490. You may obtain discovery from other parties through depositions, subpoenas, and data requests. *See* ORS 756.538 and 756.543; OAR 860-001-0500 through 860-001-0540.

**Evidence:** Evidence is generally admissible if it is of a type relied upon by reasonable persons in the conduct of their serious affairs. *See* OAR 860-001-0450. Objections to the admissibility of evidence must be made at the time the evidence is offered. Objections are generally made on grounds that the evidence is unreliable, irrelevant, repetitious, or because its probative value is outweighed by the danger of unfair prejudice, confusion of the issues, or undue delay. The order of presenting evidence is determined by the ALJ. The burden of presenting evidence to support an allegation rests with the person raising the allegation. Generally, once a hearing is completed, the ALJ will not allow the introduction of additional evidence without good cause.

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**Record:** The hearing will be recorded, either by a court reporter or by audio digital recording, to preserve the testimony and other evidence presented. Parties may contact the court reporter about ordering a transcript or request, if available, a copy of the audio recording from the Commission for a fee set forth in OAR 860-001-0060. The hearing record will be made part of the evidentiary record that serves as the basis for the Commission's decision and, if necessary, the record on any judicial appeal.

**Final Order and Appeal:** After the hearing, the ALJ will prepare a draft order resolving all issues and present it to the Commission. The draft order is not open to party comment. The Commission will make the final decision in the case and may adopt, modify, or reject the ALJ's recommendation. If you disagree with the Commission's decision, you may request reconsideration of the final order within 60 days from the date of service of the order. *See* ORS 756.561 and OAR 860-001-0720. You may also file a petition for review with the Court of Appeals within 60 days from the date of service of the order. *See* ORS 756.610.

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