BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UE 430

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY,

Investigation into New Load Connection Costs.

MEMORANDUM OPENING DOCKET AND NOTICE OF SCHEDULING OF STATUS CONFERENCE

On October 30, 2023, in docket UE 416, Order No. 23-386, Portland General Electric Company's general rate proceeding, the Commission directed a docket be opened to investigate new load connection costs and that we set a schedule. In that order, the Commission indicated that it would consider an interim measure to mitigate potential risks to customers associated with new large load during the pendency of the investigation and indicated that PGE should be prepared to file a proposal for an interim tariff by December 28, 2023.

AHD opens this docket to address both the potential interim tariff and the investigation required by Order No. 23-386. A status conference will be held the week of December 11, 2023. Notice and participation details for the conference will be provided separately. The status conference will be open to all persons. This proceeding will initially be conducted as a non-contested case but may transition to a contested matter at a later date.

I will request input from PGE, Staff, and any participants at the status conference on the following issues:

- 1. The urgency, timing, and need of PGE filing a proposal for an interim tariff;
- 2. The information necessary for effective review of any proposal and the potential need for a protective order in this docket;
- 3. Process options for review and Commission decision on any needed interim tariff; and
- 4. As applicable, elements of an initial schedule for a concurrent or subsequent investigation.

I note that the Chief Administrative Law Judge has been delegated the authority modify timelines specified in a Commission order.¹

Dated this 1st day of December, 2023, at Salem, Oregon.

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¹ See In the Matter of Public Utility Commission of Oregon, The Delegation of Certain Duties and Powers of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon, Docket No. CD 26, Order No. 22-321, Appendix E (Sept. 6, 2023).