

December 16, 2022

Public Utility Commission of Oregon Attn: Filing Center 201 High Street, S.E. P.O. Box 1088 Salem, OR 97308-1088

RE: Advice No. 22-45, Schedule 152 Major Event Cost Recovery

Portland General Electric Company (PGE) submits this filing pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 757.205 and 757.210, and Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) 860-022-0025 and 860-022-0030, for filing proposed tariff sheets associated with Tariff P.U.C. No. 18, with a requested effective date of **April 1, 2023**:

First Revision of Sheet No. 152-1 First Revision of Sheet No. 152-2

The purpose of this filing is to request Commission approval of a revision of PGE Schedule 152 to enable timely recovery of costs incurred related to the COVID-19 Emergency. On March 20, 2020, PGE requested an order approving deferral of costs associated with COVID-19 in docket UM 2064. The Commission approved PGE's deferral request and subsequent reauthorization applications in Order Nos. 20-376, 22-091, and 22-157.

Types of costs deferred and included in the deferral are expenses and lost revenues related to: suspension of service disconnections and late payment fees to help customers especially vulnerable to unexpected economic pressures, and bill assistance funding provided through Schedule 307.

PGE established Schedule 307 Residential Bill Assistance Program as a result of the decisions made in UM 2114, the Commission's investigation into the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on utility customers. Schedule 307 became effective February 15, 2021 in response to Commission Order No. 20-401, providing \$17.5 million of program funds. Programs associated with that funding were closed to new entrants on August 13, 2021. PGE subsequently requested an additional \$6 million to assist residential customers through a revision to Schedule 307 that was approved by the Commission and became effective on September 8, 2021.

Write offs are established using the baseline set in PGE's general rate cases, UE 335 and UE 394. PGE seeks the incremental amounts in excess of those included in rates.

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Additionally, PGE is including COVID benefits in this filing that offset some of the costs incurred due to the pandemic. These benefits include avoided expenditures due to the pandemic, such as decreases in business travel and other O&M expenses.

PGE proposes to amortize the amount over a four-year period to mitigate the impacts to customers. Costs are allocated to customers using an equal percent of revenues with direct access customers priced at cost of service. Interest upon amortization is equal to a four-year treasury rate plus 100 basis points. The Treasury Department does not publish a four-year rate, so this rate was calculated by taking the average of the three and five-year rates.

Note that this filing contains only the recovery related to COVID-19 and does not include the prices filed in Advice No. 22-42. Upon approval, these prices will be added to Schedule 152.

To satisfy the requirements of OARs 860-022-0025(2) and 860-022-0030, PGE provides the following responses:

PGE estimates that approximately 931,000 (2023 forecasted average) Customers will be impacted by this overall \$8 million or 0.3% increase in total revenues. A typical Schedule 7 Customer consuming 780 kWh monthly will see a bill increase of \$0.40 or 0.3%.

Work papers detailing the Schedule 152 price development and bill comparisons are enclosed.

Please direct questions to <u>casey.manley@pgn.com</u> and all formal correspondence and requests to <u>pge.opuc.filings@pgn.com</u>.

Sincerely,

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**Enclosures** 

# PGE Advice No. 22-45 Work Papers Provided in electronic format and password protected

# SCHEDULE 152 MAJOR EVENT COST RECOVERY

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this schedule is to recover costs incurred relating to the 2020 and 2021 wildfire and 2021 ice storm emergencies and the COVID-19 pandemic.

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#### **AVAILABLE**

In all territory served by the Company.

#### **APPLICABLE**

To all bills for Electricity Service except Schedules 76R, and 576R.

#### **ADJUSTMENT RATES**

The Adjustment Rates, applicable for service on and after the effective date of this schedule are:

	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Adjus</u>	tment Rate	
7		0.051	¢ per kWh	(C)
15	5/515	0.041	¢ per kWh	
32	2/532	0.046	¢ per kWh	
38	3/538	0.050	¢ per kWh	
47	7	0.074	¢ per kWh	
49	9/549	0.060	¢ per kWh	
75	5/575			
	Secondary	0.024	¢ per kWh	
	Primary	0.024	¢ per kWh	
	Subtransmission	0.024	¢ per kWh	
83	3	0.036	¢ per kWh	
85	5/485/585			
	Secondary	0.030	¢ per kWh	
	Primary	0.028	¢ per kWh	(C)

### SCHEDULE 152 (Concluded)

# ADJUSTMENT RATES (Continued)

<u>Schedule</u>	Adjustment Rate	
89/489/589/689		
Secondary	0.024 ¢ per kWh	( <b>C</b> )
Primary	0.024 ¢ per kWh	
Subtransmission	0.024 ¢ per kWh	
90/490/590		
Primary	0.023 ¢ per kWh	
Subtransmission	0.023 ¢ per kWh	
91/491/591	0.040 ¢ per kWh	
92/492/592	0.027 ¢ per kWh	
95/495/595	0.040 ¢ per kWh	(C)

#### **BALANCING ACCOUNT**

The Company will maintain balancing accounts to track the residual balances caused by differences between expected and actual Schedule 152 revenues. (C)