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

RE: Advice No. 23-23, Schedule 115, Low-Income Assistance

Portland General Electric Company (PGE) submits this filing pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 757.205 and 757.210, and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 860-022-0025, for filing proposed tariff sheet associated with Tariff P.U.C. No. 18. with a requested effective date of January 1, 2024:

Eleventh Revision of Sheet No. 115-1

The purpose of this filing is to update Schedule 115, Low Income Assistance, to reflect the sunsetting of a temporary increase in collections directed by House Bill (HB) 2739 (2021 regular session). HB 2739 increased the statewide collection amount by \$10 million for two years, starting on January 1, 2022. Effective January 1, 2024, Low Income Assistance statewide collections will revert back to \$20 million per ORS 757.698(1)(b). PGE's allocated portion of statewide collections is 60%, equating to \$12 million.

Schedule 115 is structured with a per kWh price for all non-residential customers and a flat fee for residential customers. Historically, the residential flat fee was calculated based on average residential usage of approximately 1,000 kWh per month. Following UE 416 Order No. 23-386, PGE will calculate the residential flat fee based on the 2024 average usage amount, 795 kWh. The new Schedule 115 prices will be \$0.60 per month for residential customers and 0.076¢ per kWh for all other Schedules.

Redline version is included as a courtesy.

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

PGE estimates that approximately 940,000 Retail Customers will be impacted by this 0.2% decrease in 2024. A typical Residential Customer consuming 795 kWh monthly will see a bill decrease of \$0.44, or 0.3%.

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The enclosed work papers include support for the proposed Schedule 115 prices.

Please direct questions to Mary Widman at <u>mary.widman@pgn.com</u>. Please direct all formal correspondence and requests to the following email address <u>pge.opuc.filings@pgn.com</u>.

Sincerely,

\s\ Robert Macfarlane

Robert Macfarlane Manager, Pricing and Tariffs

Enclosures

PGE Advice No. 23-23

Work Papers Provided in electronic format and password protected

SCHEDULE 115 LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE

PURPOSE

The purpose of this rate schedule is to implement the low-income bill payment assistance provisions in accordance with ORS 757.612(7)(b) and reflective of adjustments made via House Bill 2739 (2021 regular session). The latter directs electric companies to collect an additional \$10 million annually for two years, starting in 2022, bringing the statewide total to approximately \$30 million annually

APPLICABLE

To all Retail Electricity Customers, including Customers receiving electricity from other sources and Customers who do not purchase distribution services from PGE per ORS 757.612(8), except those Customers explicitly exempted.

ADJUSTMENT RATES

The applicable Adjustment Rates are listed below. As specified in <u>ORS 757.698(1)(c)</u><u>House Bills</u> 2134 and 2739, Customers will not be required to pay more than \$500 per month per Site for lowincome bill payment assistance. <u>Sites are defined in Rule B of this tariff.</u>

<u>Schedules</u>	Adjustment Rate
7	\$ 1.04<u>0.60</u> per month
All other Schedules, including DSIs	0. 104<u>076</u>¢ per kWh for the first 4<u>80,769657,895</u> kWh

SPECIAL CONDITION

1. On a monthly basis, on or before the last day of the month, the Company will forward an amount to the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS) based on billings to Customers for the previous month less a reserve for uncollectable amounts.

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APPLICABLE

To all Retail Electricity Customers, including Customers receiving electricity from other sources and Customers who do not purchase distribution services from PGE per ORS 757.612(8), except those Customers explicitly exempted.

ADJUSTMENT RATES

The applicable Adjustment Rates are listed below. As specified in ORS 757.698(1)(c), Customers (C) will not be required to pay more than \$500 per month per Site for low-income bill payment assistance. Sites are defined in Rule B of this tariff. (C)

<u>Schedules</u>	Adjustment Rate	
7	\$0.60 per month	(R)
All other Schedules, including DSIs	0.076¢ per kWh for the first 657,895 kWh	(R) (C)

SPECIAL CONDITION

1. On a monthly basis, on or before the last day of the month, the Company will forward an amount to the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS) based on billings to Customers for the previous month less a reserve for uncollectable amounts.