

November 20, 2017

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

RE: Advice No. 17-32, Schedule 115 Low-Income Assistance

Portland General Electric Company (PGE) submits this filing pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 757.205 and 757.210, and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 860-022-0025, for filing a proposed tariff sheet associated with Tariff P.U.C. No. 18, with a requested effective date of <u>January 2, 2018</u>:

Ninth Revision of Sheet No. 115-1

The purpose of this filing is to update Schedule 115 to reflect the impact of House Bill (HB) 2134 in late 2017, for an effective date of January 2, 2018. HB 2134 combines the amounts for low income bill payment assistance to be collected by electric utilities that include \$15 million described in ORS 757.612(7)(b) and the \$5 million described in Sections 3 and 4, Chapter 566 Oregon Laws 2011. HB 2134 becomes effective January 2, 2018. This combined \$20 million is already being collected by PGE and Pacific Power. However, the additional \$5 million was previously only collected from residential customers.

To satisfy the requirements of OAR 860-022-0025, PGE responds as follows:

The 2018 revenues resulting from the proposed Schedule 115 prices are approximately \$12 million. This represents an increase of approximately \$153,000 relative to current Schedule 115 prices. Some customer classes will see a price increase while others will see a price reduction. A typical Schedule 7 Residential customer consuming 820 kWh monthly will see a bill decrease of approximately \$0.15 or 0.2%.

Work papers detailing the Schedule 115 rate development are enclosed. Also enclosed are detailed bill comparisons.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this filing, please contact Kalia Savage at (503) 464-7432.

Please direct all formal correspondence and requests to the following email address pge.opuc.filings@pgn.com

Sincerely,

Jay Tinker

Director, Rates and Regulatory Affairs

Enclosure

## 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 Section 1(7)(b) of Senate Bill 461 (Chapter 837, Oregon Laws 2007) and in accordance to House Bill 2134 (2017 regular session) directs electric companies to collect a combined total of \$20 million annually beginning in calendar year 2018.

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#### **APPLICABLE**

To all bills for Electricity Service calculated under all rate schedules and contracts, except those Customers explicitly exempted. Based on House Bill 3633 (Chapter 819, Oregon Laws 2001) provisions, this rate schedule is also applicable to Direct Service Industries (DSIs) located within the Company's service territory.

#### **ADJUSTMENT RATES**

The applicable Adjustment Rates are listed below. As specified in House Bill 2134, Customers will not be required to pay more than \$500 per month per Site for low-income Electricity bill payment assistance.

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7	\$0.69 per month	(R)
All other Schedules, including DSIs	0.069¢ per kWh for the first 724,638 kWh	(D) (C)

Adjustment Rate

### SPECIAL CONDITIONS

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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