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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. 20-18, Addendum on Schedule 8, Residential Electric Vehicle Charging, Pilot Reporting Timeline

On July 15, 2020 PGE filed a new Schedule 8 in Advice No. 20-18 to offer a Residential Electric Vehicle Charging Pilot (Pilot). The Commission approved the Pilot at its October 20, 2020, public meeting at the recommendation of Commission Staff. The Pilot supports the charging optimization goal identified in PGE's 2019 Transportation Electrification (TE) Plan, docketed as UM 2033.

In Advice 20-18 Attachment A, which contained the detailed pilot description, PGE stated the following intention for reporting: *"PGE expects to submit findings in an interim report to the OPUC after Phase 1 (est. Fall 2021) and a final report to the OPUC in the spring of 2024."* The Staff recommendation, on page 6, calls out the reporting schedule.

There have been two significant issues that caused delay to the pilot's launch, both of which affect PGE's ability to meet the Fall 2021 timeline for submission of a Phase 1 report. First, the pandemic slowed enrollment and delayed our first demand response season by six months. Second, pandemic-related national supply chain disruptions have led to the limited availability of electric vehicle service equipment (chargers or EVSE) on the Qualified Products List. PGE has discussed these challenges and our reporting plan with Staff, and at Staff's suggestion, is making this informational filing to update the record.

PGE proposes to not submit the expected report in 2021 as originally intended, but instead proposes to submit it at the end of 2023 and requests approval of this modification to the previous advice filing. As part of this modification, PGE agrees to provide an update on the Pilot in our TE plan when it is filed in late 2022. We file this request with the understanding that Staff supports this modification given the reasons for the delay, the need to postpone reporting until such time as we have enough data to support preliminary findings and our pledge to provide an update in the TE plan.

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