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RE: Advice No. 21-13

At the public meeting on June 15, 2021, the Commission adopted Staff's recommendation in this matter docketed as ADV 1265. The Staff Report and a receipted copy of the sheets in your advice filing are attached.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nolan Moser".

Nolan Moser

Chief Administrative Law Judge

Public Utility Commission of Oregon

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: June 15, 2021**

**REGULAR**  **CONSENT**  **EFFECTIVE DATE** June 16, 2021

**DATE:** June 7, 2021

**TO:** Public Utility Commission

**FROM:** Eric Shierman

**THROUGH:** Bryan Conway, JP Batmale, and Sarah Hall **SIGNED**

**SUBJECT:** PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC:  
(Docket No. ADV 1265/Advice No. 21-13)  
Housekeeping changes to Schedule 54.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) approve Portland General Electric's (PGE or Company) filing, Advice No. 21-13.

**DISCUSSION:**

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve PGE's Advice No. 21-13, which changes Schedule 54 with housekeeping updates of the product name and description.

Applicable Rule

Under ORS 757.205(1):

Every public utility shall file with the Public Utility Commission, within a time to be fixed by the commission, schedules which shall be open to public inspection, showing all rates, tolls and charges which it has established and which are in force at the time for any service performed by it within the state, or for any service in connection therewith or performed by any public utility controlled or operated by it.

The Commission may approve tariff changes if they are deemed to be fair, just, and reasonable. ORS 757.210. OAR 860-022-0025(2) specifically requires that each energy utility changing existing tariffs or schedules must include in its filing a statement plainly

indicating the increase, decrease, or other change made with the filing, the number of customers affected by the proposed change and the resulting change in annual revenue; and the reasons or grounds relied upon in support of the proposed change.

Filings that propose any change in rates, tolls, charges, rules, or regulations must be filed with the Commission at least 30 days before the effective date of the change. ORS 757.220; OAR 860-022-0015. Tariff filings to be effective on less than 30 days following notice of the change may be authorized with a waiver of less than statutory notice pursuant to ORS 757.220 and OAR 860-022-0020.

OAR 860-022-0030(1) further requires that for tariff or schedule filings proposing increased rates, the utility must for each separate schedule, identify the total number of customers affected, the total annual revenue derived under the existing schedule, and the amount of estimated revenue which will be derived from applying the proposed schedule, the average monthly use and resulting bills under both the existing rates and the proposed rates that will fairly represent the application of the proposed tariff or schedules, and the reasons or grounds relied upon in support of the proposed increase.

## Analysis

### *Background*

On June 21, 2002, PGE filed a proposal for Schedule 54. On October 15, 2002, the Commission approved Schedule 54 with Order No. 700, which approved a modified version refiled on September 19, 2002.

Schedule 54 is a renewable energy certificate (REC) rider for large nonresidential customers. This allows qualified customers to purchase RECs from PGE.

In October 2017, Schedule 54 was updated in Docket No. ADV 620/Advice No. 17-15 to allow for a “specified resource option.” This allows qualified customers to specify the general type of resource from which the RECs will be acquired, or to develop a custom contract with PGE for RECs from specific individual resources. The option restricts eligibility by generation facilities solely owned by an investor-owned utility (or included in the rate base of an investor-owned utility) and constructed for the purpose of serving cost-of-service utility customers.<sup>1</sup>

### *Name Change*

The product is currently named Clean Wind. PGE proposes to change the name to

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<sup>1</sup> See PGE Advice No. 17-15 Schedule 54 Large Nonresidential Renewable Energy Certificates Rider, Third Revision of Sheet No. 54-2 Canceling Second Revision of Sheet No. 54-2.

Green Resource Mix. This change is meant to coordinate with the Company's branding updates and has no impact on how customers purchase RECs.

*Other Housekeeping Changes*

PGE has proposed to also:

- Remove language referring to purchases as a percentage of load; and
- Remove a reference to purchasing an annual equivalent instead of a monthly payment.

The intent of these small changes is to provide customers more flexibility in how they purchase RECs. Staff finds these changes and the name change reasonable.

Conclusion

This filing makes nonsubstantive changes to PGE's Schedule 54 and the application fulfills the requirements under statute and rule. Staff finds the changes reasonable.

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

Staff recommends the Commission approve PGE's filing, Advice No. 21-13.

**SCHEDULE 54  
LARGE NONRESIDENTIAL  
RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES RIDER**

**PURPOSE**

This rider is an optional supplemental service that supports the development of New Renewable Energy Resources as defined in ORS 757.600. Under this Schedule, a Large Nonresidential Customer may purchase Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs), subject to a minimum purchase.

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**AVAILABLE**

In all territory served by the Company.

**APPLICABLE**

To all Customers taking service under any of the following PGE schedules: 38, 49, 83, 85, 89, 90, 91, 95, 485, 489, 490, 491, 495, 583, 585, 589, 590, 591, 595, and 689. Additionally, this Schedule is available to all competitive REC providers.

**PRODUCT OFFERINGS**

I. PGE Green Resource Mix

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This product allows a customer to purchase RECs, subject to minimum purchase. The product is Green-e® Energy certified, and as a result all RECs purchased on behalf of Green Resource Mix Customers will conform to the Green-e® Renewable Energy Standard for Canada and the United States and are either registered with Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS) or provided via third party audited Green-e attestation.

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II. Specified Resource

This product allows a customer to purchase RECs from a specified facility, subject to minimum a purchase. Specified Resource provides the participating customer with RECs obtained from specified resources and derived from the following fuels:

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1. Wind;
2. Solar;
3. Certified low-impact hydroelectric;
4. Pipeline or irrigation hydroelectric systems;
5. Wave or tidal action;
6. Low emissions biomass (from digester methane from landfills, sewage or waste treatment plants, forest or field residues).
7. Hydrogen derived from photovoltaic electrolysis or non-hydrocarbon derivation process

**SCHEDULE 54 (Continued)**

**PRODUCT OFFERINGS**

Specified Resource (Continued)

Upon customer request, PGE will assist the customer in identifying discrete generators matching the fuel types listed above. Any offering under Specified Resource must be 100% new renewable, which is defined as follows:

- (1) a) Placed in operation (generating electricity) on or after January 28, 2000;
  - b) repowered on or after January 28, 2000 such that 80% of the fair market value of the project derives from new generation equipment installed as part of the repowering, or
  - c) a separable improvement to or enhancement of an operating existing facility that was first placed in operation prior to January 28, 2000 such that the proposed incremental generation is contractually available for sale and metered separately than existing generation at the facility.
- (2) Any project that has been subject to an uprate meant solely to increase generation at a facility – without the construction of a new or repowered, separately metered generating unit – is not eligible for the specified resource offering.

Generation facilities solely owned by an investor-owned utility (or included in the rate base of an investor-owned utility) and constructed for the purpose of serving cost-of-service utility customers are not eligible for selection in the specified resource program.

**RATE**

A Customer may purchase RECs through the PGE Green Resource Mix offering at: (C)

0.3¢ per kWh

A minimum REC purchase of 1,000 kWh times 0.3¢ (\$3.00) per month, or annual equivalent, is required. For larger purchases, volume discounts may be available, subject to negotiation, pursuant to the execution of a written contract. (C)

If a customer chooses to participate in the Specified Resource program, price may differ and is subject to execution of a written contract.

**SCHEDULE 54 (Concluded)**

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

1. The Customer may enroll to purchase Green Resource Mix RECs by signing a contract. Upon execution of a signed agreement, service will become effective with the next regularly scheduled meter reading date provided the Contract was entered into at least five days before their next scheduled meter read date. Absent the five-day notice, the change will become effective on the subsequent meter read date. (C)
2. The Company will not accept enrollments from accounts with poor credit history. For the purposes of this offering, poor credit history is defined as: a) having received two or more final disconnect notices in the past 12 months; or b) having been involuntarily disconnected in the past 12 months.
3. The Company makes no representations as to the impact on the development of renewable resources from Customer participation.
4. The Company is not required to own renewables or to acquire energy from renewable resources simultaneously with Customer usage.
5. A REC purchase by the Company sufficient to meet the total of all Customer purchases of RECs will occur, at least, on an annual basis.
6. All incremental costs and revenues associated with the provision of services under this schedule will be appropriately charged or credited to nonutility accounts.
7. This product is offered through a competitive operation and is provided in accordance with the Code of Conduct as set forth in OAR 860-038-0500 through 860-038-0640.
8. If the Company chooses to use bill inserts to market this schedule to Customers, it will allow other REC providers access to place inserts in the Company's bills under the same prices, terms and conditions that apply to the Company's Large Nonresidential REC program.