November 13, 2025

AR 677 RULEMAKING GENERAL RATE REVISIONS HB 3179

In the Matter of Rulemaking to Establish General Rate Revisions Filing Schedule and Exemption Process (HB 3179 Implementation).

Purpose

This announcement describes Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC) Staff's plan to conduct a scoping survey into elements of AR 676 and AR 677. As part of the ongoing investigation into the potential design and implementation of a multi-year rate plan framework, Staff is conducting this scoping survey to gather input from stakeholders on key issues and priorities for further analysis. Responses will help shape the scope of topics and ensure that the proceedings reflect the interest and concerns of all affected parties.

Background or Overview

HB 3179 directs the PUC to establish rules requiring an electric or natural gas company to establish a multiyear rate plan for rate revisions that subject an electric or natural gas company's return on equity to review or modification.[1] The rules must

> (A) Include procedural and content requirements for a multiyear rate plan.
> (B) Require an electric or natural gas company to file a multiyear rate plan on a regular interval that is no less than three and no more than seven years long.
> (C) Establish a limit on the number of electric or natural gas companies that are allowed to request a rate increase in any given year.

Additionally, the Commission shall consider and may approve deferred accounting for future cost recovery from ratepayers under an electric or natural gas company's requested rate revision…[2]

Survey

Staff invites stakeholders to provide written feedback in response to survey questions included as Appendix A below by Monday, December 1, 2025. Staff will

- Review comments,
- Meet with organizations, individually, to discuss their responses, and
- Publish a draft of the GRC schedule and exception principles and concepts to be discussed at a workshop on January 19, 2026.[3]
- Publish draft of foundational concepts, goals, and outcomes for Multi-Year Plans by quarter 2, 2026, at the completion of Phase 1.[4]

While Staff is interested in a range of stakeholder views on the questions listed below, the survey is not exhaustive, nor does Staff expect responders to answer each question. The goal of the survey is to

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1 HB 3179 Section 7(2)(a).
2 HB 3179 Section 4(2).
3 AR 677.
4 AR 676.

inform the scope of the investigation and Staff encourages stakeholders to raise questions most important to them.

To take the survey, commenters may

- Use the survey link https://forms.office.com/g/cUbmKZd5M0, or
- Email the survey responses in word or pdf format to luz.mondragon@puc.oregon.gov. Survey questions found in Appendix A of this announcement.

Please limit responses to one per organization and a total of five (5) pages. [5]

Staff Contact

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To receive meeting notices and agendas for this docket, send an email to puc.hearings@state.or.us , and ask to be added to the service list for Docket No. AR 676 and AR 677. You will then receive emails with workshop details, when new documents have been added to the docket, or there is a change to the schedule.

[5] After responses are received there will be opportunities to expand further on your responses via individual meetings with Staff and collaborative workshops.

Scoping questions

As part of our ongoing investigation into the potential design and implementation of a multi-year rate plan framework, we are conducting this scoping survey to gather input from stakeholders on key issues and priorities for further analysis. Your responses will help shape the scope of topics and ensure that the proceedings reflect the interest and concerns of all affected parties.

Please limit responses to one per organization /coalition and a total of five (5) pages. [1]

General Rate Case (GRC) Schedule

The Docket Launch and Schedule Announcement in AR 677 notes the Commission's intention to establish a utility rate case schedule for regulated electric and gas utilities, as required by House Bill 3179 (2025). To develop this schedule, Staff must consider the order (i.e. sequencing) and priority of rate cases among the utilities and the number of years between rate cases, among other factors.

- Please list the top factors your organization thinks should be considered in determining such a schedule (i.e., utility size, customers served, forecast accuracy).
    - Please list in priority order

Exception Process

The Docket Launch and Schedule Announcement in AR 677 notes the Commission's intention to establish an exceptions process to the General Rate Case schedule. An exception process is typically used to address significant deviations from the assumption or forecasts used to set base rates.

- What factors must be present for a utility to come in prior to their scheduled GRC year to conduct a general rate case?
- What factors must be present for a utility to bring forward alternative cost recovery and ratemaking mechanisms, including deferrals and trackers, during or outside of the General Rate Case schedule?

Multi-Year Rate Plans (MYP/MRP) and Performance Based Regulation (PBR)

The Staff Implementation Letter in AR 676 notes the Commission's intention to adopt a Multi-Year Rate Plan framework, consistent with House Bill 3179 (2025), as well as the

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intention to explore performance-based regulation, consistent with Senate Bill 688 (2025), within the development of a Multi-Year Rate Plan framework.

- Please list the top three (3) outcomes from the energy system that a Multi-Year Rate Plan framework should provide.[2]
- Please list the top three (3) utility actions and priorities that multi-year ratemaking framework should encourage.
- Please list the top three (3) ways you would like to see the ratemaking process change through the implementation of multi-year rate cases and the improvement you expect from those changes.

[2] For reference, SB.688 identifies six priority areas that are deemed to be in the public interest, and a related set of five outcomes that a PBR framework could seek to achieve. Respondents are encouraged to incorporate any of those items identified in SB.688 into your answer, as applicable, and are invited to comment on additional areas to those.