

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: July 8, 2025**

REGULAR **CONSENT** **EFFECTIVE DATE** July 9, 2025

DATE: June 30, 2025

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Kiran Ayub

THROUGH: Caroline Moore and Sarah Hall **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC:
(Docket No. UM 1020)
Request for proposal for Program Administrator for residential and small commercial voluntary renewable habitat support option.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Portland General Electric's request for proposal for a Program Administrator for the residential and small commercial voluntary renewable habitat support option.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Public Utility Commission (Commission) should approve Portland General Electric's (PGE or the Company) request for proposal (RFP) for a Program Administrator for the residential and small commercial voluntary renewable habitat support option.

Applicable Rule or Law

ORS 757.603 requires the electric utilities to provide a portfolio of rate options to residential customers. The Commission regulates portfolio options so that the rates reflect the costs and risks of serving each option.

The Commission, in OAR 860-038-0220, provides a process for the development of portfolio options and rates. OAR 860-038-0220(5) states electric company is

responsible for administering the options, including but not limited to marketing and billing.

OAR 860-038-0220(6) requires that the utility offering rate options "acquire the renewable supply resources necessary to provide the renewable energy resources product through a Commission-approved bidding process or other Commission-approved means."

Staff Analysis

Background

Under OAR 860-038-0220(6), Staff has reviewed PGE's filing in Docket No. UM 1020 requesting approval for an RFP to procure a Program Administrator for the Company's residential and small commercial voluntary renewable habitat support option.¹ Under this program, participants in PGE's Green Future Choice and Green Future Block pay \$2.50 per month into a Habitat Support Fund dedicated to native fish habitat restoration. This activity ranges from in-stream work and riparian planting to barrier removal, conservation easements and outreach within PGE's service area, hydroelectric license boundary or downstream reaches, transmission-line rights-of-way, and adjacent lands.

PGE's current contract for these services expires at the end of this year. The previous RFP was conducted in 2021, with services beginning in 2022. The contract was originally for three-years but PGE extended for one year.

Since meetings of a Portfolio Options Committee (POC) were put on hold in 2020, Staff has facilitated review of RFPs for services.² Earlier this year, the Commission approved an RFP to procure program marketing services and/or Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) supply for the Company's residential and small commercial portfolio option products.³

The draft RFP states a range of services to be performed by the selected Program Administrator. These include, project planning and selection, permit monitoring, funding leverage, accountability and control procedures, and marketing and communication.

¹ See Docket No UM 1020, [Portland General Electric Company's Request for Proposal for Program Administrator for Residential and Small Commercial Voluntary Renewable Habitat Support Option](#) (May 16, 2025).

² See Docket No. UM 1020, *In the Matter of Public Utility Commission Of Oregon, Request to Open an Investigation Into the Scope of the Portfolio Options Committee*, [Order No. 20-063](#), Appendix A at 7 (March 3, 2020) (pausing meetings of the POC pending an investigation of its continued scope).

³ See Docket No. UM 1020, *In the Matter of Portland General Electric Company, Request for Proposal for Program Marketing Services for Voluntary Renewable Energy Program and Acquisition of Renewable Energy Certificates*, [Order No. 25-140](#) (April 16, 2025).

PGE filed this draft RFP on May 16, 2025, with an invitation for stakeholders to comment by June 2, 2025. No stakeholders filed comments. Staff is not aware of any stakeholder that opposes Commission approval of this RFP. Staff has reviewed the draft RFP and there are no substantive departures from the 2021 solicitation. The proposed bidding process allows qualified firms to submit proposals for a three-year term.

Conclusion

Staff concludes PGE's proposed RFP is reasonable. The bidding process is valid, and the draft RFP is consistent with prior RFPs the Commission has already approved. The Company has made an effort to engage stakeholders in the process. Staff recommends the Commission approve PGE's proposed RFP for a Program Administrator for the residential and small commercial voluntary renewable habitat support option.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve Portland General Electric's requests for proposal for a Program Administrator for the residential and small commercial voluntary renewable habitat support option.