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Via Electronic Filing

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Attention: Filing Center
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Re: UM 2190 - PGE's Notification of Deferral of Emergency Storm Restoration Costs

Enclosed for filing is Portland General Electric Company's ("PGE") Notification of Deferral of Emergency Restoration Costs under its pre-authorized emergency deferral established under Order No. 21-309.

A Notice regarding the filing of this application has been provided to the parties on the PGE's last general rate case service list (UE 416).

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions or require further information, please call me at (503) 464-7488.

Please direct all formal correspondence, questions, or requests to the following e-mail address:
pge.opuc.filings@pgn.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jaki Ferchland

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Enclosure

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 2190

IN THE MATTER OF

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
COMPANY

NOTICE OF DEFERRAL

**NOTICE OF DEFERRAL OF STORM
AND RESTORATION COSTS**

Pursuant to ORS 757.259, OAR 860-027-0300, and Commission Order No. 21-309, Portland General Electric Company (PGE) is hereby notifying the Commission of the deferral under PGE's pre-authorized emergency deferral of costs associated with the outage, repair, and restoration from the extreme ice and winter storm weather event that began on January 13, 2024, and continued for approximately a week. Consistent with Order No. 21-309, which approved PGE's use of a pre-filed deferral account for costs associated with declared emergencies, PGE hereby submits this Notice of Deferral of Storm and Restoration Costs (Notice). Consistent with the conditions detailed in Order No. 21-259, PGE is submitting this Notice within 30 days of Governor Kotek's January 19, 2024 Executive Order No. 24-05: *Declaration of State of Emergency in Oregon Due to a Severe Winter Storm That Included High Winds, Flooding, Avalanches, and Landslides* ATTACHMENT A.

This multi-day storm event dramatically impacted customers, communities, and electric systems across PGE's service territory (the Deferred Amount) resulting in the January 19, 2024 state of emergency declaration by the Governor, which expired at 11:59 p.m., January 26, 2024. Costs associated with any additional restoration efforts could continue for multiple months (the

Deferral Period). PGE will seek amortization of the Deferred Amount in a future Commission proceeding. In support of this Notice PGE states:

A. Background Description

On January 13, 2024, a severe winter weather event began causing extensive damage to PGE's transmission and distribution network, with over 165,000 customers out of service at the peak of the first wave of the storm. In addition to the Governor emergency declaration, emergency declarations were made by the Cities of Beaverton, Lake Oswego, and Portland as well as Multnomah and Washington Counties. These areas represent a meaningful portion of PGE's service area impacted by severe weather that resulted in extremely hazardous conditions, snow and ice accumulation, high winds, critical transportation failures, and widespread loss of power and communications capabilities. At the peak of PGE's restoration efforts, approximately 1,800 personnel, including crews and support staff, and mutual assistance crews from across Oregon and neighboring states, worked to clear debris, assess and repair downed lines, damaged poles, substations and transmission equipment to restore power. Because of the magnitude and duration of the event, PGE's efforts to repair damage is ongoing. At this time, restoration and repair costs exceed \$30 million.

B. Estimate of Amounts

The final total cost to restore electric service to customers and repair transmission and distribution systems and related facilities is currently unknown but projected to exceed \$30 million. The Deferred Amount includes both capital-related and operations and maintenance costs incurred as part of the restoration effort.

C. Notice

Communications regarding this Deferral Notification should be addressed to:

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In addition to the names and addresses above, the following are to receive notices and communications via the e-mail service list:

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DATED February 9, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24-05

DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY IN OREGON DUE TO A SEVERE WINTER STORM THAT INCLUDED HIGH WINDS, FLOODING, AVALANCHES, AND LANDSLIDES

Pursuant to ORS 401.165, I find that a threat to life, safety and property exists due to a severe winter storm that has caused a natural disaster across the State of Oregon.

Beginning Jan. 12, 2024, and continuing, this severe storm has brought cold temperatures, snow, freezing rain, high winds, flooding, landslides, avalanches and erosion at various locations throughout the state, resulting in power and communications outages and transportation disruptions. State, local, and tribal agencies continue to respond to requests for mass care and medical services and communications, evacuation and transportation assistance. Early damage assessment reports from jurisdictions include significant debris from damaged trees and infrastructure damage, and state agencies are reporting damage to state facilities. Multiple fatalities are suspected to be associated with the storm.

State agencies are coordinating with private sector and federal partners to address resource needs that cannot be met by state, local or tribal partners. Interstate mutual aid through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact is needed to bring in certified personnel to process data to find at-risk populations vulnerable during power outages. Federal waivers from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration are needed to facilitate interstate travel and response for mutual aid assets for power restoration. These resources require a state declaration of emergency before they can be activated.

Power outages continue across the state with Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Hood River, Lane¹, Lincoln, Linn, Multnomah, Tillamook and Washington counties experiencing the brunt of the interruptions. Widespread damage and outages to commercial cellular, wireline, VoIP, broadband, and other telecommunications services has caused significant impacts to the public's ability to communicate and access the internet, including engaging with online government, telehealth, financial, e-commerce and other critical services. A loss of services for 911 and first responder communications networks in multiple areas has increased the threat to life-safety.

¹ Executive Order No. 24-04 was issued for Lane County on January 15, 2024 due to severe weather conditions and is specifically incorporated herein.



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The combination of power outages and transportation disruptions throughout the state has caused disruptions in drinking water and wastewater systems and numerous school closures. An inability to refuel emergency generators at critical communications sites has occurred due to debris, downed power lines and severe winter travel conditions. Hospital and emergency medical services are also experiencing limitations in the ability to provide services, while storm-related visits to emergency departments and urgent care centers for injuries, falls, and carbon monoxide poisoning have increased substantially.

Jurisdictions on the central and northern coasts and in the Willamette Valley, Cascades, and central and eastern Oregon have suffered the heaviest impacts of the storm. More than 70 missions for state assistance have been coordinated through the State Emergency Coordination Center. 211info has registered more than 160 warming shelters and weather respite centers statewide and received more than 3,200 calls across 25 counties for weather respite and transportation needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

1. The Oregon Department of Emergency Management (ODEM) shall coordinate access to and use of personnel and equipment of all state agencies necessary to assess, alleviate, respond to, mitigate or recover from conditions caused by this emergency. ODEM shall coordinate all essential protective measures in support of identified disaster areas to protect lives, property and the environment. All Oregonians are to heed the direction of emergency officials with regard to this emergency in order to protect their safety.
2. The Oregon Department of Administrative Services, Oregon Department of Human Services, Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Public Utility Commission, Oregon State Police, and other state agencies are directed to provide any assistance as requested by ODEM that is deemed necessary to assist in the response to this emergency and to provide all necessary support to statewide response, recovery and mitigation efforts.

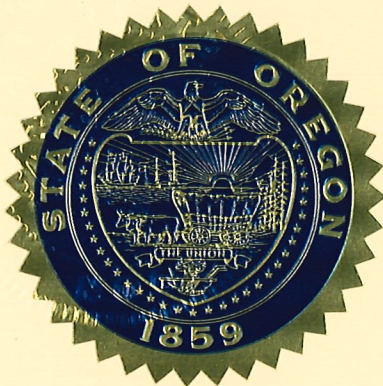


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3. This determination of a severe winter weather emergency is statewide. It is not to be construed as a comprehensive declaration or proclamation of emergency for other purposes. It is limited to the use of state resources and personnel required by the emergency, to request assistance through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, if needed, and to allow state agencies to suspend provisions of any order or rule of the agency if strict compliance with the provisions of the order or rule would in any way prevent, hinder or delay mitigating the effects of the severe winter weather emergency. Any local government requests for state resources must be submitted through county governing bodies to the ODEM pursuant to ORS Chapter 401.

This state of emergency shall exist until 11:59 p.m., January 26, 2024, unless extended or terminated sooner by the Governor.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 19th day of January, 2024.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tina Kotek".

Tina Kotek
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "LaVonne Griffin-Valade".

LaVonne Griffin-Valade
SECRETARY OF STATE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day caused the foregoing **Notice of Deferral of Storm and Restoration Costs** to be served by electronic mail to those parties whose email addresses appear on the attached service list for OPUC Docket No. UE 416.

Dated at Portland, Oregon, February 9, 2024.

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