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September 24, 2015

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Attn: Filing Center
201 High Street, S.E.
P.O. Box 1088
Salem, OR 97308-1088

RE: PGE Advice No. 15-21, Continuation of the Additional Collection of Low Income Bill Payment Assistance Funding, Schedule 115 Low-Income Assistance

Portland General Electric (PGE) submits this filing pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 757.205 and 757.210, and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 860-022-0025, for filing a proposed tariff sheet associated with Tariff P.U.C. No. 18, with a requested effective date of **October 5, 2015**:

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The purpose of this filing is to comply with the passage of House Bill (HB) 3257 in the regular 2015 Oregon legislative session. HB 3257 extends the collection of supplemental low income assistance funds an additional twenty-four months. Collection of the additional \$5 million in supplemental energy assistance began with Senate Bill 863 from the regular 2011 legislative session. It was then extended twenty-four month by House Bill 2004 in the regular 2013 legislative session. The law directs electric utilities to collect the supplemental assistance from residential customers.

PGE and PacifiCorp calculated the appropriate rate and allocation to collect the additional \$5 million in bill payment assistance for the collection period. Based on 2016 projected customer count and revenues for PGE and PacifiCorp, residential customer will continue to pay the current low income supplemental rate of \$0.34 cents for the extended period.

To satisfy the requirements of Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR 860-022-0025(2) and 860-022-0030(1)), PGE provides the following response:

PGE estimates that approximately 748,000 residential customers will be impacted by the continued collection of the additional low income assistance as described above. Attachment A provides the calculation detail that supports the current low income

supplemental rate of \$0.34 cents that for this filing, Schedule 115 represents the collection of the supplemental low income assistance funding for the first of two 12-month periods based on projected rate calculations.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this filing, please contact Terri Bowman at (503) 464-8854.

Please direct all formal correspondence and requests to the following email address pge.opuc.filings@pqn.com

Sincerely,



Karla Wenzel
Manager, Pricing & Tariffs

Enclosures

cc: Phil Boyle, OPUC
Brittany Andrus, OPUC

**SCHEDULE 115
LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this rate schedule is to implement the low-income bill payment assistance provisions in accordance with Section 1(7)(b) of Senate Bill 461 (Chapter 837, Oregon Laws 2007) and in accordance to House Bill 3257 (2015 regular session) that extends the temporary increase in energy assistance collections from residential customers.

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APPLICABLE

To all bills for Electricity Service calculated under all rate schedules and contracts, except those Customers explicitly exempted. Based on House Bill 3633 (Chapter 819, Oregon Laws 2001) provisions, this rate schedule is also applicable to Direct Service Industries (DSIs) located within the Company's service territory.

ADJUSTMENT RATES

The applicable Adjustment Rates are listed below. As specified in House Bill 3633 (Chapter 819, Oregon Laws 2011), Customers will not be required to pay more than \$500 per month per Site for low-income Electricity bill payment assistance.

<u>Schedules</u>	<u>Adjustment Rate</u>
7	\$0.50 per month \$0.34 per month ¹
All other Schedules, including DSIs	0.050¢ per kWh for the first 1,000,000 kWh

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. On a monthly basis, on or before the last day of the month, the Company will forward an amount to the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS) based on billings to Customers for the previous month less a reserve for uncollectable amounts.
2. Senate Bill 863 (Chapter 566, Oregon Laws 2011) allows for a temporary increase in bill payment assistance. Section (3)(1) requires the OPUC to direct electric companies to collect a combined total of an additional \$5 million per 12-month period from its residential customers. House Bill 2004 (2013 regular session) extended the temporary collection of low-income assistance funds twenty-four months. House Bill 2004 further amended Section (3) eliminating the special economic conditions as the determinate for the collection of these additional funds. With the passage of House Bill 3257 (2015 regular session), the temporary collection of low income assistance funds has been extended an additional twenty-four months.
3. The Company will collect its portion of the combined total of the additional \$5 million between electric companies per each 12-month period from its residential customers, which will end October 4, 2017. This supplemental energy assistance will sunset on January 2, 2018.

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¹ HB3257 extends the collection of SB 863 low income funding. Calculation is based on a 2016 projected residential customer count.

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Calculation Detail
Additional Low Income Assistance Funds

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 Attachment A, Calculation Detail
 Additional Low Income Assistance Funds

PGE & PACIFICORP				
2016 PROJECTED RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER COUNT AND REVENUES				
Company	Average Customers	Annual Bills	Monthly Increase	Revenues
PGE	748,467	8,981,604	\$0.34	\$3,053,745
Pacific Power	484,847	5,818,158	\$0.34	\$1,978,174
Totals	1,233,314	14,799,762		\$5,031,919
Amount			\$5,000,000	
Note: projected 2016 residential customer count				

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
550 CAPITOL STREET NE, SUITE 215
SALEM OR 97301-2551

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF <u>Portland General Electric Company</u> (UTILITY COMPANY)))))	UTILITY L.S.N. APPLICATION NO. _____ (LEAVE BLANK)
TO WAIVE STATUTORY NOTICE.		

NOTE: ATTACH EXHIBIT IF SPACE IS INSUFFICIENT.

1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE(S) ADDITION, DELETION, OR CHANGE. (SCHEDULE INCLUDES ALL RATES, TOLLS AND CHARGES FOR SERVICE AND ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS AFFECTING THE SAME)

The purpose of this filing is to revise Schedule 115 to extend the temporary increase for the low income assistance charge for an additional 24-month period in compliance with House Bill 3257.

2. APPLICANT DESIRES TO CHANGE THE SCHEDULE(S) NOW ON FILE KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS: (INSERT SCHEDULE REFERENCE BY NUMBER, PAGE, AND ITEM)

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3. THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE(S) SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS: (INSERT SCHEDULE REFERENCE BY NUMBER, PAGE AND ITEM)

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4. REASONS FOR REQUESTING A WAIVER OF STATUTORY NOTICE:

The Company is revising Schedule 115 to update the expiration date of the \$0.34 residential low income adder to October 4, 2017. A Waiver of Statutory Notice is requested because there is not 30 days-notice between the date of this filing and the effective date of October 5, 2015.

5. REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE NEW SCHEDULE(S) OR CHANGE(S): Effective date October 5, 2015 and end date October 4, 2017

6. AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE 	TITLE Manager, Pricing & Tariffs	DATE 9/23/15
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<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DENIED	EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED SCHEDULE(S) OR CHANGE	
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	DATE	