

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: June 22, 2004**

REGULAR X **CONSENT** **EFFECTIVE DATE** June 23, 2004

DATE: June 16, 2004

TO: Lee Sparling through Ed Busch

FROM: Jack P. Breen III

SUBJECT: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC: (Advice No. 04-12) Corrects system billing error related to Schedule 103, Williams Settlement Refund

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve Portland General Electric's Application to Waive Statutory Notice and allow Advice No. 04-12 to become effective June 23, 2004.

DISCUSSION:

At the May 18, 2004 public meeting, the Commission approved PGE's Advice No. 04-8 (Docket No. UE 163), which implemented a one-month credit totaling approximately \$4.64 million to return the Williams Settlement amount due to PGE customers. The settlement was a result of the Oregon Attorney General's investigation of Williams' actions during the 2000-01 West Coast energy crisis. The Commission approved PGE's request to make Schedule 103 effective with meter readings as of May 27, 2004, rather than the typical "service on and after" basis, so the refund could be made on one billed kWh level rather than having to apply a partial refund on two bills.

On June 11, 2004, PGE filed Advice No. 04-12 along with an Application to Waive Statutory Notice, to modify the tariff to correct for a billing system error. As a result of the error, customers with meter readings on May 26, 2004, received the credit one month earlier than expected. Under the proposed tariff change, PGE will review both the May and June bills for the customers in that billing cycle (all other customers were unaffected). Where usage is greater in June than in May (whereby the customer should have received a larger refund), PGE will credit customers the difference. If usage in June is less (whereby the customer should have received a smaller refund), no adjustment will be made. Any excess credits issued will not be considered in determining the overall Williams disbursement to customers by PGE.

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All other customers have received or will receive the Williams Settlement refund as currently provided for in Schedule 103.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Portland General Electric's Application to Waive Statutory Notice be approved and Advice No. 04-12 be allowed to become effective June 23, 2004.