

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: February 27, 2007**

REGULAR _____ **CONSENT** X **EFFECTIVE DATE** February 28, 2007

DATE: January 23, 2007

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Carla Owings

THROUGH: Lee Sparling, Ed Busch and Judy Johnson

SUBJECT: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC: (Advice No. 07-02) Requests modifications to adjust for Daylight Saving Time.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that Portland General Electric's request to modify Schedule Nos. 7 and 32 effective February 28, 2007, to reflect changes in Daylight Saving Time, be accepted.

DISCUSSION:

On January 19, 2007, Portland General Electric (PGE or the Company) filed a request to modify its Schedule Nos. 7 and 32 (Time of Use rate schedules) to reflect the Uniform Time Act to extend Daylight Saving Time (DST). The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAAct) was signed into law on August 8, 2005. Section 110 of the EPAAct modifies the Uniform Time Act to extend DST by several weeks in the spring and one week in the fall, starting 2007. Specifically, clocks will be moved forward one hour on the second Sunday in March (instead of the first Sunday in April); they will be set back one hour on the first Sunday in November (rather than the last Sunday in October).

PGE has approximately 2,000¹ Time of Use (TOU) customers on Schedules 7 and 32 whose meters use internal clocks that are programmed to adjust the DST schedule currently in effect. In order to accommodate the changes in DST, the Company would be required to dispatch personnel to each site to either reprogram the meter, or replace it with a meter that conforms to the new DST schedule. The Company estimates the cost to dispatch personnel to reprogram or replace the meters to be approximately \$100,000.

¹ All other meters used for TOU metering will accommodate the new DST schedule.

Alternatively, the Company proposes to modify the existing definitions of on-peak/mid-peak/off-peak so that the time periods will begin and end one hour later for the period between the second Sunday in March and the first Sunday in April, and for the period between the last Sunday in October and the first Sunday in November. This will eliminate the need for the Company to perform the costly reprogramming or replacement of meters.

The Company proposes to send a letter to all customers on Schedules 7 and 32 TOU to notify them of its proposed modifications.

Staff has reviewed the Company's proposed modifications to Schedules 7 and 32 and finds the Company's request to be reasonable.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

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