
IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Authorize the City Attorney to intervene on behalf of the City of Portland in Oregon Public Utility Commission Docket UE 300.

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

In October, 2013, Portland General Electric Company (PGE) first proposed changes to how utility relocations and cost recovery are treated in its tariffs. Over the following two years, various local and state government entities, including Portland's Bureau of Transportation, worked with PGE seeking modifications to PGE's proposal. After several rounds of discussions and responsive alterations by PGE, on September 23, 2015, PGE filed an application with the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC) for approval of a revised tariff modification. The proposed tariff modification could materially affect the City's authority to control the terms and conditions of utility relocations for public works, particularly public works projects using elements of private funds. If the OPUC approves the application, the ruling may impact the City's ability to proceed with anticipated construction schedules or pay for costs associated with utility relocations.

Intervention in the PUC proceeding will allow the City to fully address the City's concerns as well as engage in discussions with the other parties. Intervention will also allow the City to be more fully informed of all issues being considered in this proceeding, and provide opportunities to influence the decisions made on those issues. PBOT will primarily staff this matter in terms of identifying and evaluating the City's concerns and the impacts of PGE's proposals.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

None anticipated at this time beyond use of existing city resources.

Community impacts and community involvement:

PGE's proposal, if approved, could have a direct impact on the Portland development community and the City of Portland's capital and maintenance operations within the utility's service territory, which includes large portions of Portland. Furthermore, this tariff may serve as precedent for other utilities. In summary, the proposal may compromise the City's ability to design, construct and maintain its public infrastructure to provide services for Portland citizens.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- YES:** Please complete the information below.
 NO: Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount