

Investing in new power plants to meet customer needs

On Feb. 13, 2014, Portland General Electric asked the Oregon Public Utility Commission to approve price increases in 2015 to pay for two new power plants when they go into service next year. This request for a potential overall price increase of 4.6 percent is the first step in a 10-month review process with several opportunities for public input.

Investing in new plants to help meet customer needs

PGE's new power plants will begin serving our customers in 2015.

- Our Tucannon River Wind Farm, under construction near Dayton, Washington, will generate up to 267 megawatts of renewable power, enough to serve 84,000 residential customers. The project will create up to 300 jobs during construction and 18 full-time, family-wage operating jobs.
- Port Westward Unit 2, being built near Clatskanie, Oregon, will provide 220 megawatts of gas-fired generation at full capacity and create up to 200 jobs during construction. This highly efficient "peaker plant" will back up renewable generation and help meet customer needs during heat waves and cold fronts.

Fulfilling Oregon's renewable energy law

Oregon law requires PGE to steadily increase the amount of renewable power we deliver to our customers. The Tucannon River Wind Farm will generate 100 percent renewable energy when it begins operations in 2015.

Port Westward Unit 2 will back up the output of our renewable generation when the wind isn't blowing or the sun isn't shining. That allows us to bring more renewable energy into our system while still maintaining a steady, reliable supply of power when it's needed.

Planning for the future

Careful planning is crucial in any industry and especially in the energy world where our customers depend on us to keep the lights on and plan to meet the energy demands of a growing region. That's why it's so important PGE establish and execute a vision to power Oregon for years to come.

PGE conducts long-term planning to ensure we can continue to meet our customers' needs in the most reliable, cost-effective way possible. In our current resource plan, acknowledged by the OPUC, careful analysis showed that to provide our customers with the best long-term balance of cost and risk, PGE needs to acquire additional generating resources to help supply the power our customers need.



Timeline

PGE submitted a request on Feb. 13. This is the first step in a thorough public review process administered by the OPUC.

Throughout the year there will be several opportunities for public comment.

The entire process is expected to take about 10 months.

Learn More

Visit www.puc.state.or.us to learn more about the process and to find out how to share your opinion.

Documents filed with the OPUC are available on our website at

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What impact will this have on prices

If approved as requested, the overall increase of about 4.6 percent would take effect in phases early in 2015. The typical residential customer using an average of 840 kilowatt-hours of electricity per month would see a monthly increase of about \$4.92.

Impacts will vary depending on the OPUC's final price-setting decisions, the type of customer and the amount of electricity used.

Each PGE customer falls into a billing category, called a "schedule." Here is the approximate impact of proposed price changes on each of the schedules, subject to the OPUC's decision and possible power cost updates.

- Sch. 7 (Residential): 5.0 percent
- Sch. 32 (Small business): 4.4 percent
- Sch. 83 (Commercial): 4.6 percent
- Sch. 85 (Large commercial): 4.9 percent
- Sch. 89 (Large industrial): 5.9 percent

State commission will make the final decision

PGE's prices are set by the Oregon Public Utility Commission, an independent commission appointed by the governor. PGE's request sets off a 10-month public review involving customer groups, local governments and others. The OPUC will only allow PGE to charge its customers for costs it determines are necessary and prudent - and that provide our customers with the best long-term balance of cost and risk.

Providing resources for customers

We do not take any request for a price increase lightly and PGE has programs in place to help. PGE offers free advice and in-depth information on saving energy, and we can connect you with Energy Trust of Oregon incentives. There are billing and payment options to make budgeting easier and free online tools to help you understand and manage energy use. We can also connect customers with assistance programs – such as Oregon HEAT – that help in times of need. Visit PortlandGeneral.com/Save to learn about these resources.



Port Westward Unit 2, under construction near Clatskanie, will help meet customer demand and balance out the variable output of wind and solar energy.



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