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**Subject:** RE: Public Safety Shut Down Comments

Lori,

I wanted to provide my support for the OSFM memo.

- For Public Safety Partners:
  - Ensure the OERS System is used and is part of all notifications; locals call OERS, who will in turn notify all the ESFs (the OERS Council).
  - I support having the IOUs provide immediate notification to the OERS notification system.
  - I support the change from 'public safety partners' to 'OERS Council' at the state level of notification.
  - I support the education campaign and feel the IOUs should support this with their funding.
  - Update protocols so that the IOUs know who are their contacts at:
    - Fire Defense Board Chief,
    - Protocols for calling OERS
  - OERS Operations have the latest protocols on PSPS (this should be update before each official fires season.
  - Support of GIS systems for a common operatizing picture is critical and should be included in the rule.

Let me know what else I can do to help on this important issue.

Stay safe, stay focused ~ Mike || SRO

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Constantin,

The PUC is requesting written comment no later than May 3<sup>rd</sup> on temporary rules for public safety shut downs for the 2021 fire season. We recently learned of the rule making and fast tracked comments that we would like to highlight for consideration. The three main areas of concern are noted at the beginning of the document.

If you have any questions prior to us sending on Monday, please advise. Thank you and have a great weekend.

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*As another wildfire season is upon us, I wanted to make sure you are aware of efforts the Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC) is undertaking to help keep Oregon communities safe. Wildfire prevention is an important issue for Oregon's electricity sector and the PUC. The Labor Day Fires this past year have emphasized the importance of working to prevent and detect threats early to minimize future wildfires and their impact.*

*The PUC is proposing temporary rules on **Public Safety Power Shut-Offs** and **Utility Ignition** reporting and welcomes your input and comment. [Rulemaking Docket AR 638](#).*

*As explained in the linked notice, Staff is proposing that the Commission adopt temporary rules on the following two items: [AR 638 Notice](#)*

**Public Safety Power Shut-off (PSPS) Protocols:**

- *Establish baseline protocols for communication, community education, and coordination with key partners prior to, during, and after wildfire de-energization events for Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs).*
- *Request Consumer Owned Utilities (COUs) to submit a copy of any de-energization plans to facilitate Commission functions regarding statewide wildfire preparedness.*
- *Provide minimum guidance for how PSPS events are planned and executed will allow immediate steps to better protect customers and communities and coordinate with partners during 2021 fire weather.*

**Ignition Reporting Requirements:**

*Update the PUC's existing safety incident reporting rules (OAR 860-024-0050) so that IOUs are required to report fire-related incidents that meet certain criteria to the Commission within a minimum timeframe.*

*The PUC will consider the temporary rules at a public meeting on May 18, 2021 and, if adopted, the rules will remain in place until November 14, 2021. Staff convened a workshop on April 14, 2021 to seek input on the draft temporary rules. A recording of that workshop is available here [https://oregonpuc.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=2&clip\\_id=732](https://oregonpuc.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=732) Staff also welcomes written comment. The PUC encourages written comments on the temporary rules submitted by May 3, 2021. Comments can be emailed to [PUC.FILINGCENTER@puc.oregon.gov](mailto:PUC.FILINGCENTER@puc.oregon.gov).*

*Please contact Lori Koho at [lori.koho@puc.oregon.gov](mailto:lori.koho@puc.oregon.gov) or (503)576-9789 with any questions regarding these efforts.*

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