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UM 1930 Stakeholders,

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After internal discussion, Staff concludes the best way forward on the Utility Combined PPA and Interconnection filings is to allow additional opportunity for stakeholder and utility (hereinafter referred to together as "stakeholders") input before presenting the Combined Tariffs to the Commission. Accordingly, Staff intends to recommend the Commission allow additional time for investigation at the March 10 meeting.\*\*



Staff anticipates drafting a public meeting memorandum with its recommendations on the merits of the draft Tariffs by March 20, 2020, for the April 7, 2020 public meeting. This will allow time for stakeholders to file comments regarding Staff's recommendations as well as the Tariffs and contracts themselves.

In the meantime, Staff invites stakeholders to submit comments to Staff to inform our recommendations. We ask that the utilities file any response to the previously-filed developer community comments by March 6, and that all stakeholders file any additional objections or comments by March 6, as well.

To the extent stakeholders wish to respond to comments filed on March 6, we ask that these responses or comments be filed by March 10.

All stakeholders will then be able to file additional comments re: the Staff recommendation and the utility tariffs/contracts after Staff posts its Public Meeting Memorandum on March 20.

Staff asks that any comments, even those filed prior to the public meeting, be filed in UM 1930 with AHD.

Additionally, Staff will be presenting the process for conditional pre-certification for projects with pre-existing PPAs to the Commission on March 10. There will be the opportunity to comment on Staff's recommendation starting March 4 when that Public Meeting Memorandum is published.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, and thank you for your engagement in this process.

Best,

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\*\* Staff notes that each utility's filing may require a different Commission action (or no action) at the March 10 public meeting. It appears PGE filed its proposed tariff as an advice filing, Idaho Power filed its proposed tariff as a compliance filing with an effective date of March 11, and PacifiCorp filed its tariff as a compliance filing that is effective upon Commission approval. The public meeting memos that Staff files for the March 10 meeting will ask the Commission to take the action that is appropriate for the particular filing to allow additional time for investigation.