



# UM 2005 Distribution System Planning 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 Update

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April 1, 2021

Greetings UM 2005 Service List members,

Staff is pleased to announce the first UM 2005 Distribution System Planning (DSP) update of 2021. Staff plans to provide brief, newsletter-style postings on a quarterly basis, or more often as docket activity dictates.

## Upcoming Meetings and Workshops

Following the Commission's adoption of the DSP guidelines in December, Staff proposes the following activities to continue examination of topics stakeholders identified as important to distribution system planning:

- I. Staff proposes to hold in the second quarter of 2021 one workshop on data transparency and data usability, and a second workshop on community engagement targets and metrics. A third and fourth workshop on regulatory development, and cyber security are proposed to be held in the second quarter of 2022. Each of these workshops will be intended to examine stakeholder interests in the respective topic, and will be structured as one-time events.

**The workshop on data transparency and data usability will be held on Friday, May 7, 2021. Please hold 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Pacific for this session.** An agenda is under development and the final time and length are still to be determined.

**Please contact Nick Sayen, Sr. Utility Analyst, via email if you would like to offer input on the content development of this workshop: [nick.sayen@puc.oregon.gov](mailto:nick.sayen@puc.oregon.gov).**

- II. Staff proposes the formation of a technical working group (TWG). The purpose of the DSP TWG is to surface, articulate, and address technical questions that arise in the course of the utilities working on their plans. The group will meet monthly initially, and be open to stakeholder participation.

DSP TWG meetings will focus on problem-solving specific, technical matters. To that end, an agenda and materials will be circulated one week prior to each meeting to allow participants to prepare, and make each session as productive as possible.

**The first DSP TWG is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 2021 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Pacific.**

**Please contact Nick Sayen via email if you are interested in participating in the DSP TWG: [nick.sayen@puc.oregon.gov](mailto:nick.sayen@puc.oregon.gov).**

## Utility Outreach

Staff is aware that PGE has begun engaging stakeholders on their DSP efforts through a series of monthly DSP Partner Workshops. These meetings occur on the second Wednesday of each month. Additionally, PGE has partnered with community based organizations (CBO) to recruit, convene, educate, and actively listen to our communities via a parallel workshop series expected to occur April-June. For more information on either workshop, please contact PGE staff via email: [DSP@pgn.com](mailto:DSP@pgn.com).

## Questions or Feedback

Staff appreciates feedback on this approach to providing information to stakeholders, as well as suggestions for improvements.

Questions and comments can be directed to Nick Sayen via email at [nick.sayen@puc.oregon.gov](mailto:nick.sayen@puc.oregon.gov) or by telephone at 503-510-4355.

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