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UM 2005 Distribution System Planning Investigation Workshop #2 Agenda

Date: February 12, 2020

Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Public Utility Commission, 201 High Street SE, Suite 100 Salem, Oregon 97301

Room: Hearing Room

The DSP investigation is continuing with the baselining stage, focused on developing a shared understanding of current utility distribution system planning practices, plans, and operations. Workshop two will focus on principles of distribution planning, key questions about distribution planning, current utility planning practices, and current utility plans.

This workshop is intended to provide an educational opportunity for OPUC Staff and all stakeholders of UM 2005.

Questions can be directed to Nick Sayen at (503) 378-6355 or nick.sayen@state.or.us.

If you cannot attend in person you can participate using the conference call information below.

Call-in information

Phone Number: 866-390-1828

Access code: 2252868

Goals:

- Establish preliminary, working principles for distribution planning
- Gain a collective, clear understanding of current state of utility distribution planning in Oregon

Expected Outcomes:

- Identified list of preliminary, working principles for distribution planning to guide this process
- Identified list of key questions about current distribution planning (practices, plans, and systems)
- Begun to answer key questions about current distribution planning (practices and plans)
- Identified outstanding key questions to answer at Workshop #3

How Participants Should Prepare:

- Participants should review May 2, 2019 Workshop Materials.
[Staff presentation](#)
[PNNL presentation on distribution systems 101](#)
[PNNL presentation on utility distribution planning 101](#)

How Participants Should Prepare - continued:

- Participants are asked to review their [respective comments](#) (filed August 30, 2019) provided in response to the Staff Questionnaire.
- Participants should prepare two contributions to the meeting:
 - One high-priority Principle for Distribution Planning
 - Three key questions you have on the current state of distribution planning in Oregon, as put forward by utilities in their August 30 comments.

Agenda:

1) Level-Setting (10:00a; 30 minutes)

- a) Introductions
 - i) Staff introduces Gridworks
- b) Review Purpose, Scope and Schedule of the Investigation

2) Principles of Distribution System Planning (10:30a; 60 minutes)

- a) Review objective of this agenda item
- b) Exercise:
 - i) Participants reflection on the principles for distribution planning shared through comments on August 30
 - ii) Each participant shares one priority principle
 - iii) From what was shared, what principles are you optimistic about? Which ones are challenging?
 - iv) What are the key similarities and differences we have heard from one another?
 - v) Which principles can we agree to on a preliminary basis to guide this process until we revisit them at the end of this process?

***Outcome:** Identified list of preliminary principles for distribution planning to guide this process*

3) Stretch Break (5 minutes)

4) Identifying Key Participant Questions on the Current State of Distribution Planning in Oregon (11:30a; 30 minutes)

- a) Participants share a key question on the current state of distribution planning in Oregon.

***Outcome:** Identified list of priority questions about current distribution planning practices*

5) Lunch Break (12:00n; 60 minutes)

6) Orientation to Distribution Planning (1:00p; 165 minutes with 15 minute break midway)

- a) Panel #1: Utility highlights of questionnaire responses: “Section A – Current distribution system planning **practices**”
 - i) Discussion: Which key participant questions were addressed by this panel? Which ones need additional discussion?
- b) Panel #2: Utility highlights of questionnaire responses: “Section B – Current distribution system **plans**”
 - i) Discussion: Which key participant questions were addressed by this panel? Which ones need additional discussion?

Outcome: *Begin to answer priority questions about current distribution planning practices and plans + Identified outstanding priority questions to answer at Workshop #3*

7) Wrap and Next Steps (3:45p; 15 minutes)

- a) Review working Principles
- b) Highlight key questions we're carrying forward to Workshop #3
- c) Confirm action items
 - i) Staff workshop summary
 - ii) ?
- d) Confirm date, location, and time of Workshop #3