

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 2005

In the Matter of

Public Utility Commission of Oregon

Investigation Into Distribution System
Planning.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW
OPPORTUNITIES STAGE
WEBINAR SERIES

Staff announces the topics, speakers, and dates/times for the full schedule of the webinar series for the New Opportunities Stage of the Investigation Into Distribution System Planning, docket UM 2005. Please see the table below.

Staff believes this selection of topics and perspectives represents a vigorous review of possible distribution planning approaches and best practices from across the country. Presenters represent subject matter experts and practitioners with both technical and policy expertise.

Webinar Series Topic	Speaker(s)	Date / Time
Series overview/framing + Integrated Distribution Planning Overview	Nick Sayen, OPUC, Paul De Martini, Newport Consulting	Thu. April 30, 2020, 2:00 – 3:30 pm PDT
Hosting Capacity Analysis	Aram Shumavon, Kevala Analytics, Steve Steffel, Pepco Holdings, Marc Patterson, Idaho Power	Wed. May 6, 2020, 9:30 – 11:00 am PDT
DER Valuation	Debbie Lew, Debra Lew LLC, John Shenot, RAP	Fri. May 8, 2020, 1:30 – 3:00 pm PDT
Non-wires Alternatives	Jason Prince, RMI, Mark Luoma, Consumers Energy	Wed. May 13, 2020, 1:30 – 3:00 pm PDT
Load Forecasting	Ben Sigrin, NREL	Thu. May 14, 2020, 9:30 – 11:00 am PDT
Best Practices for Community Engagement	Oriana Magnera, Verde	Wed. May 20, 2020, 1:30 – 3:00 pm PDT

Distribution Planning Regulatory Practices in Other States	Lisa Schwartz, LBNL	Thu. May 21, 2020, 1:30 – 3:00 pm PDT
Minnesota's experience	Tricia DeBleeckere, MN Department of Commerce	Wed. May 27, 2020, 1:30 – 3:00 pm PDT
Oregon PUC policies and practices	OPUC staff	Thu. May 28, 2020, 1:30 – 3:00 pm PDT
Oregon PUC policies and practices	OPUC staff	Wed Jun 3, 2020, 1:30 – 3:00 pm PDT
Series conclusion + next steps	OPUC staff	Thu, Jun 4, 2020, 1:30 – 3:00 PDT

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, Staff will strive to maintain a dynamic of shared learning, promote active discussion, and facilitate as many stakeholder questions as feasible. Staff plans to:

- 1) Post presentation slides early for stakeholders to preview;
- 2) Accept and collect stakeholder questions submitted ahead of the webinar (for those not able to participate live) for potential inclusion in the live webinar;
- 3) Schedule time for Q&A during each live webinar;
- 4) Record each webinar for later viewing;
- 5) Accept and collect stakeholder questions submitted after the webinar (for those not able to participate live) for speakers to potentially respond to after the live webinar;
- 6) Share stakeholder questions in the docket.

While the docket will continue to retain all official records, Staff has created a separate webpage to present information on the webinar series in a single, convenient, location. Visit the link below to view presentation slides, submit questions, link to the live webinar sessions and recordings, and view speaker bios and presentation abstracts.

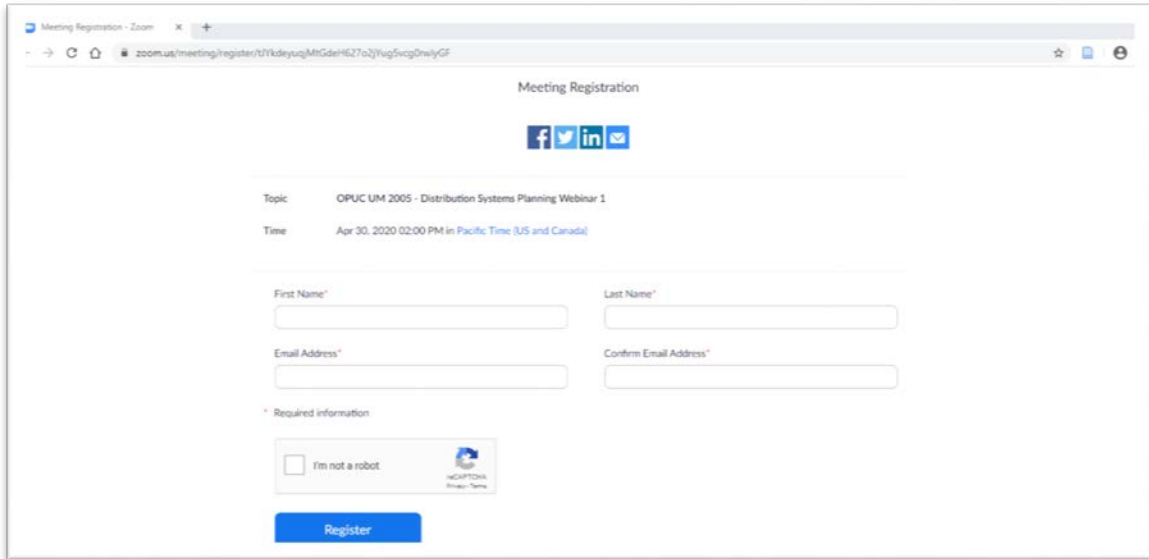
<https://www.oregon.gov/puc/utilities/Pages/Distribution-System-Planning.aspx>

Joining the April 30 meeting

The webinar series will be conducted using Zoom. Please use the following link to register for the April 30 session:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYkdeyuqjMtGdeH627o2jYug5vcg0rwlyGF>

Registering only requires a first name, last name, and email address.



Upon registering you will be presented with a screen that includes: webinar topic, time, option to add an appointment to your calendar, meeting ID, password, and link to join the meeting.

There will also be an auto-generated email with this same information, delivered to the email address you provided. The email will arrive from Katie Wu (staff for Grid Works, OPUC consultant for this docket). Please check your spam/junk mail filter if you do not receive this email.

The meeting will open approximately 15 minutes before the webinar is scheduled to begin.

Before joining a Zoom meeting on a computer or mobile device, you can download the Zoom app from the Zoom Download Center - <https://zoom.us/download>. Otherwise, you will be prompted to download and install Zoom when you click a join link.

If you have not used Zoom before, consider joining a test meeting to familiarize yourself with Zoom - <https://zoom.us/test>

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