



DSP Work Group Meeting Agenda

Thursday, Mar. 10, 2022

1-4 p.m. PT

[Link to Zoom Meeting](#)

Call-In: 971-247-1195 – Meeting ID: 884 1903 5442 – Passcode: 4672473189

Agenda

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| 1:00 p.m. | Welcome, introductions, agenda review - Nick Sayen, PUC Staff |
| 1:15 p.m. | Questions/clarifications/etc. on follow up materials from January 20, 2022, meeting - All participants
https://edocs.puc.state.or.us/efdocs/HAH/um2005hah15459.pdf |
| 1:20 p.m. | Follow up discussion from March 8 Public Meeting (if/as needed) - All participants |
| 1:25 p.m. | Joint utility meetings - Heide Caswell, Pacific Power |
| 1:30 p.m. | Questions for clarification (noted below) - Nick Sayen |
| 1:40 p.m. | Working Subgroups – Part 1: Review of final topics - All participants |
| 2:00 p.m. | Break |
| 2:15 p.m. | Working Subgroups – Part 2: Volunteers; discussion of each group's scope - All participants |
| 2:50 p.m. | Break |
| 3:00 p.m. | PGE presentation: inputs to the AdopDER model - PGE Staff |
| 3:55 p.m. | Wrap up and review - Nick Sayen |
| 4:00 p.m. | Adjourn |

Questions for clarification for March 10 DSP Work Group meeting:

1. Requirement 5.1.b.iii reads as follows:
For the initial Plan, the methodology for geographical allocation (to the substation) is at the utility's discretion. The Commission may provide direction for subsequent Plans.
This requirement doesn't seem like a requirement. Is that correct?

Staff response: That is correct. The intent of this guideline is to make clear that, though the utility is required to develop DER and EV forecasts with high/medium/low scenarios, and allocate those forecasts to the substation level, the utility has discretion on the methodology for that allocation.

2. Requirement 5.1.c.i is the last requirement in the forecasting section. We think this will be addressed in Grid Needs, therefore will not be addressing it in the forecast discussion. Can you confirm this approach?

Staff response: The intent of requirement 5.1.c.i (*Document existing and anticipated constraints on the distribution system*) is clear documentation of “constraints,” or areas which will need investment, identified as a result of the forecasting exercise described in requirement 5.1. Staff would find it acceptable for that documentation to be presented in the Grid Needs discussion, as long as doing so wouldn’t result in loss of the reason the need was identified (for example “equipment at end of life” or “forecast constraint” or “additional customer capacity”).

3. Note requirement 5.2.c: *Present a summary of prioritized grid constraints publicly, including criteria used for prioritization.*

During the last DSP Partners meeting we suggested that we would be presenting this information, and after discussion about stakeholder input, Staff suggested that perhaps we could present the grid needs without prioritization. Please clarify.

Staff response: Thanks for asking about this confusing direction from Staff and providing a chance to clarify. Staff anticipates that when engaging stakeholders and community, presumably early in plan development, presenting the grid needs without Company prioritization may be a helpful exercise. Once the plan has had stakeholder and community input, and is ready for submission, a prioritized list is appropriate. Staff is happy to continue to discuss this should pragmatic implementation of this approach prove difficult.

Please note for your reference future DSP Work Group meetings dates include:

Date and Time
March 31, 2022, 1:00 – 4:00 pm Pacific
April 21, 2022, 1:00 – 4:00 pm Pacific
May 19, 2022, 1:00 – 4:00 pm Pacific
June 16, 2022, 1:00 – 4:00 pm Pacific

Parking-lot for outstanding issues and questions

1. Where and how data will be stored is an important question to discuss early so there is a way to manage, keep safe, and access data as it comes in (from 5/7/21 Data Transparency Workshop).
2. Volunteers to work on establishing common definitions for distribution system planning discussions (from 5/7/21 Data Transparency Workshop).
3. Volunteers to work on further completing Figure 2 for priority data types (from 5/7/21 Data Transparency Workshop).
4. What are preferred sources of public data that include demographics and other details that adequately characterize our communities? (from 6/30/21 Technical Work Group meeting)
5. Working subgroup to focus on demographic and socioeconomic data, useful energy planning metrics, and quantifying measures and data sources for equity (from 6/30/21 Technical Work Group meeting).
6. Working subgroup to focus on practices for handling public accessibility of data (from 6/30/21 Technical Work Group meeting).

Questions or Feedback

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