



# UM 2005 Distribution System Planning Technical Work Group Agenda

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July 27, 2021

Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC) Staff announces an agenda for the July 28, 2021, Distribution System Planning (DSP) Technical Work Group meeting. **The meeting will be abbreviated due to scheduling conflicts.**

The meeting will be conducted using Zoom. **Instructions for joining the workshop are below.**

## **Meeting Agenda**

**9:00 am - 10:00 am Pacific**

9:00 am – Welcome, introductions, agenda review – Nick Sayen, PUC Staff

9:10 am – Consideration of Technical Work Group meetings and cadence for autumn 2021 and beyond

9:20 am – New Questions – All participants

9:55 am – Wrap up and review – Nick Sayen

10:00 am – Adjourn

**Note:** Follow up materials from the June 30 meeting have not yet been circulated. Staff will circulate these materials separately and, due to limited meeting time, will request any questions/clarifications/etc. via email.

## **Meeting Materials**

Included in this packet are the following:

- Questions for discussion at the July 28, 2021, Technical Work Group meeting.
- Please reference Order No. 20-485 at the following link for the DSP Guidelines (Guidelines) as adopted in December 2020:

<https://apps.puc.state.or.us/orders/2020ords/20-485.pdf>

## To Join the Meeting

Please use the following link to join the meeting: <https://opuc-state-or-us.zoom.us/j/84893829739?pwd=N0lvUGlFREhvOWNVYndDcXVrV0JaZz09>

Dial-in: 1-971-247-1195

Meeting ID: 848 9382 9739

Passcode: 7Z9iPzvhD@

The meeting will open approximately 5 minutes before the workshop is scheduled to begin.

Before joining a Zoom meeting on a computer or mobile device, you can download the Zoom Client for Meetings from the Zoom Download Center - <https://zoom.us/download>. If you have not used Zoom before, the Client will download automatically when you start or join your first Zoom meeting.

To familiarize yourself with Zoom, or to test your internet connection, join a test meeting - <https://zoom.us/test>.

### Reminder – Future Meeting Dates for the Technical Work Group

Staff participants to reserve the following dates and times:

- Wednesday, August 25, 2021, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Pacific

### Questions or Feedback

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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# UM 2005 Distribution System Planning Technical Work Group Questions

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Below are questions for discussion during the July 28, 2021, Distribution System Planning (DSP) Technical Work Group meeting.

## **Consideration of Technical Work Group meetings and cadence for autumn 2021 and beyond**

Per the Distribution System Planning (DSP) Technical Work Group Plan:

*The purpose of the Technical Work Group is to serve as a forum to identify, articulate, discuss, and when possible, resolve technical questions that arise in the course of the utilities preparing their plans.*

*The primary goal in addressing technical questions is to try to answer questions, solve problems, and find solutions to barriers that would otherwise inhibit completion of the utility plans.*

The Technical Work Group has met monthly for approximately 3 hours in April, May, and June. The group is scheduled to meet for an hour in July, and for 3 hours in August.

- a. Is it useful for the Technical Work Group to continue to meet beyond August?
- b. Is the meeting length – 3 hours – optimal, or should it be changed?
- c. Is the meeting cadence – monthly – optimal, or should it be changed?
- d. When timely, are the current administration practices (agenda item solicitation, agenda and materials circulation pre-meeting, notes and follow up materials circulation post-meeting) optimal, or should they be changed?

## **New questions for discussion and consideration**

Below are new questions received for discussion on July 28.

### **Long-term Plan**

1. See requirement 4.4.c which focuses on the smart grid investments:

*4.4 This section of the Distribution System Plan will consist of the utility's long-term distribution system investment plan and inform broader goals related to maximizing reliability, customer benefits, and efficient operation of the distribution system. A utility should include:*

*c) Smart Grid investment opportunities.*

*i) List and describe smart-grid opportunities that the utility is considering for investment over the next 5-10 years and any constraints that affect the utility's investment considerations.*

*ii) Describe evaluations and assessments of any smart-grid technologies, applications, pilots, or programs that the company is monitoring or plans to undertake.*

Does Staff and the TWG see these requirements as a way to update each activity from the previous smart grid report and talk about new activities at a granular level; or to talk about the umbrella activities where several smart grid initiatives work together to drive value?

2. It would be helpful to review the actual order of the steps and the content in the long-term plan. There is a logical order that suggests we have a vision articulated in phase 1, get feedback and incorporate into phase 2 and then fold into long term plan.

### **Follow up discussion from June 30 meeting**

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### **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 (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, and quantifying measures and data sources for equity (from 6/30/21 Technical Work Group meeting).

#6 – Working subgroup to focus on public accessibility of data (from 6/30/21 Technical Work Group meeting).

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