

Summary of Recommendations - Revisions

Following discussion that occurred at the June 11 Special Public Meeting Commission Workshop in UM 2000 related to PURPA issues, Staff is planning on revising its series of suggested actions. Staff heard from parties that the timeline may be too aggressive. Staff’s intent at this time is to ensure sufficient time is allocated to the issues, as well as taking advantage of information developed in other forum.

One revision will call for an investigation into the treatment of network upgrades, possibly followed by a rulemaking, as opposed to strictly a rulemaking. Any such investigation may also be informed by developments in Docket UM 1930, Community Solar Program Implementation.

Given the current timing of IRP filings, Staff intends to suggest the investigation into planning and the treatment of QFs in utility IRPs be informed by what the utilities include in their most recent IRPs. Likewise, development of avoided cost templates may be better informed by the results of UM 1893.

The rulemaking(s) related to development of a standard contract and dispute resolution would move forward as planned.

Note that each rulemaking will include an informal process for collaboration amongst the parties prior to the formal process starting. It is Staff’s intent to settle as many issues as possible prior to bringing the larger policy considerations to the Commission for their decision. The table below highlights the changes noted above.

Issue Category	Issue Addressed	Action taken - timeframe	
		Short-Term	Long-Term
Avoided Cost	Template for Standard Inputs and Outputs	Rulemaking (Informed by UM 1893)	
	Appropriate cost methodology		UM 2000 Investigation
Contracts	Development of Standard Contract	Rulemaking	
	Dispute Resolution	Rulemaking	
	Non-standard contract development and negotiation		UM 2000 Investigation
	Treatment of storage in determining facility size		Ongoing FERC issue – suggest mirroring their approach once determined
Interconnection	Transparency of data	Addressed in UM 2001	
(Original)	Treatment of network upgrades	Rulemaking	

(Revised)	Treatment of network upgrades	Investigation possibly followed by Rulemaking	
	Lack of progress in interconnection queues		UM 2000 Investigation
Planning	Treatment of QFs in utility IRPs	Separate investigation Informed by 2019 IRP filings	
Miscellaneous	Issues not included above		UM 2000 Investigation

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