



Distribution System Planning (DSP) Utility Filings Update

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DSP INITIAL PLAN FILING



Phased approach allows time for coordination with IRP processes, transitioning legacy practices, meaningful community engagement.

Part 1 – October 15, 2021

- Baseline Data and System Assessment
- Hosting Capacity Analysis (options analysis)
- Community Engagement Plan
- Overarching Requirement – Long-term Plan
- Plan for Part 2 Development

Part 2 – August 15, 2022

- Forecasting of Load Growth, DER Adoption, and EV Adoption
- Grid Needs Identification
- Solution Identification
- Overarching Requirement – Near-term Action Plan

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND EQUITY



Why: Values and Vision

- Utilities better link to diverse community needs
- More inclusive and reciprocal planning processes, with community-based organizational expertise
- Improved outcomes for underserved communities

What: DSP Elements

- DSP Plan review and process for pilot development
- Pilots informed by community needs, clean energy goals, energy burden
- Baseline Data allows for future human equity dimensions

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Figure 3

Community Engagement		
Stage 3		Utilities collaborate with CBOs and environmental justice communities so that community needs inform DSP project identification and implementation. "Community needs" could address energy burden, customer choice and resiliency.
Stage 2	Reflecting UM 2005 outreach requirements, utility holds ongoing community stakeholder meetings during grid needs assessment, solution identification, and action planning.	
	Utilities and OPUC agree on community goals, project tracking and coordination activities.	
	Conduct baseline study to increase detailed knowledge of service territory communities. Engage CBO experts to inform co-created community pilot(s).	
	Consult with communities to understand identified needs and opportunities, then seek to co-develop solution options, documenting longer-term needs.	
Stage 1	Hold four public pre-filing workshops with stakeholders on Plan development.	
	Utilities create a collaborative environment among all interested partners and stakeholders. Utilities document community feedback and utility's responses.	
	OPUC prepares accessible educational materials on DSP with consultation from CBOs and utilities.	
	Prepare a draft community engagement plan as part of Plan.	
	Utilities conduct focused community engagement for planned distribution projects.	
	OPUC to host quarterly public workshop and technical forums after Plan filings.	
	2021-2022	2023 and beyond

DSP FILINGS TIMELINE



Step	Timeframe
Utilities file Part 1 Plans	October 15, 2021
➤ Stakeholder and Staff review, Commission Order	By March 15, 2022
Utilities file Part 2 Plans	August 15, 2022
➤ Stakeholder and Staff review, Commission Order	By January 15, 2023
Staff facilitates DSP Guidelines revision	2023
Utilities file second DSP Plans	late 2024