

UM 2030

Stakeholder Workshop

Updated Evaluation Methodology
for Renewable Natural Gas
Friday 13, 2019, 1:00-5:00p
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Introductions



Agenda

- Introductions ~1p
- Agenda review; purpose, background and context of workshop ~1:15p
- NW Natural presentation ~1:30p
- Stakeholder questions and discussion ~3:30p
- Next steps, timeline and wrap up ~4:30p



Purpose of workshop

- To review NW Natural's updated renewable natural gas evaluation methodology



Background and context

- 2018 NW Natural IRP Appendix H
- SB 98

- SECTION 5. (5)

(5) If the large natural gas utility's total incremental annual cost to meet the targets of the large renewable natural gas program exceeds five percent of the large natural gas utility's total revenue requirement for an individual year, the large natural gas utility may no longer be authorized to make additional qualified investments under the large renewable natural gas program for that year without approval from the commission.

- AR 632



UM 2030 Scope

This investigation will attempt to answer the question of whether NW Natural's Appendix H, as revised according to Staff's comments per order 19-073, is appropriate for determining the cost-effectiveness of RNG projects.

The investigation is meant to provide stakeholders an opportunity to observe the details of an actual offer for the acquisition of RNG within the investigation timeline, and to review the relevant details of the potential resource acquisition.



NW Natural presentation



Stakeholder questions and discussion



Next steps

- NW Natural to file updated Appendix H in UM 2030 docket by December 16 (tentative)
- Staff to circulate minutes from this workshop by December 18 (tentative)



Timeline - Phase 1

- By December 15 - initial stakeholder workshop to present updated RNG evaluation methodology
- By January 15 - an opportunity for stakeholders to submit comments describing any concerns or recommendations on the updated methodology
- By February 15 - an opportunity for reply comments from NW Natural



Timeline - Phase 2

NOTE: confidential policies will apply

- When NW Natural has project for consideration the Company will file work papers demonstrating the methodology as applied to the project
- Within 2 months of the date the company shares project information - a final opportunity for all parties to submit comments on the methodology
- Within 1 month of comment deadline - Staff will bring recommendation to Commission at a public meeting



Thank you

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