

Docket No. UM 2197 PGE Distribution System Plan – Part Two

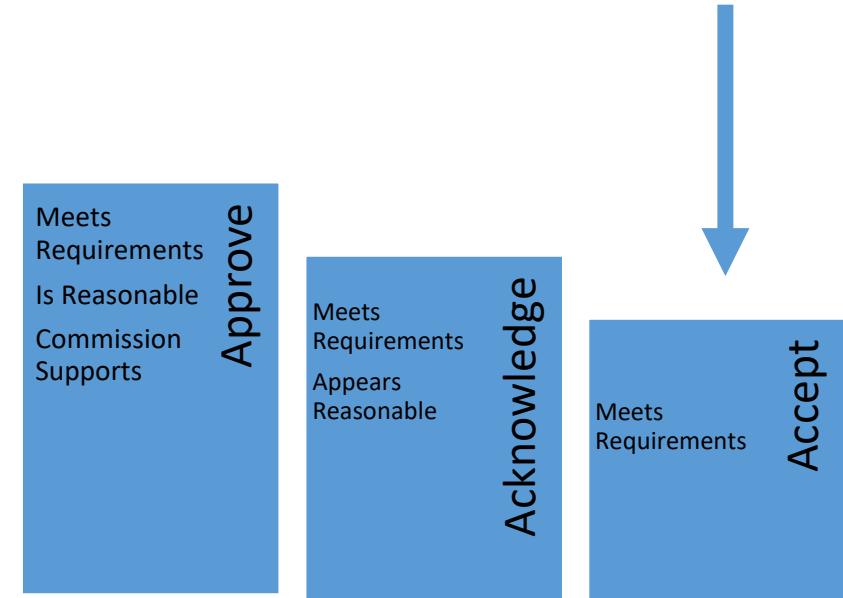
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Staff Presentation

- Commission standard of review and action
- Staff recommendation
- Selected Staff findings
- Stakeholder feedback
- Next steps

Commission Standard of Review and Action

- Commission standard for DSP Plans: Acceptance
- Requires Plan to meet all Guidelines; does not indicate reasonableness of investments
- From [Order No. 20-485](#)



Staff Recommendation

- Accept the Distribution System Plan – Part Two filing by PGE as meeting the criteria and requirements of the DSP Guidelines
- Suspend the 2023 Smart Grid Report filings

Selected Staff Findings

Investment Planning

- More insight than in past
- Limited project details hamper understanding of decision making and how projects connect to the process

Non-Wires Solutions

- Two pilots the Company recommends exploring further
- Innovative initial work on valuation

DER Forecasting + Grid Transparency

- Adoption forecast to feeder level
- How investments align with TE adoption forecast, sensitivity to adoption scenarios

Stakeholder Feedback

- Staff appreciates engagement and feedback from:
 - Oregon Solar + Storage Industries Association (OSSIA)
 - Renewable Northwest (RNW)
 - NW Energy Coalition (NWECC)

Next Steps

In collaboration with stakeholders and utilities:

- Begin dialogue on opportunities for continued learning and improvement in Q2; begin revising Guidelines in 2023
- Priorities:
 - Focus on investment planning
 - Reflect evolving utility planning practices
 - Improving grid transparency

Thank You

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