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DRAC Issue Paper**

Puget Sound Energy Comments:

The following comments are in response to the May 2016 Issue Paper: Demand Response Advisory Committee Scope.

1. *Is the scope of the proposed demand response advisory committee sufficient?*
 - a. *Do you agree with the focus of the advisory committee in both the near- and long-term?*

Puget Sound Energy is supportive of the formation of a Demand Response Advisory Committee. It may be appropriate to begin the discussion of the more technical aspects of DR (item E) sooner than the summer of 2018. In the long-term, topics recognized in the DR committee scope and in the System Integration forum may naturally progress to a larger discussion around Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) in the region. We could foresee the DR Committee and certain aspects of the Systems Integration forum combining over time, possibly in a DER committee.

2. *Is it appropriate to convene a separate forum to discuss smart grid, storage, and other enabling technologies?*
 - a. *Do you agree that a forum is the appropriate venue for these topics (versus an advisory committee)?*

Puget Sound Energy agrees that it is appropriate to convene a forum on system integration in early 2018. We agree that a forum would be more appropriate than an advisory committee. The forum could provide an opportunity for information exchange and collaboration between utilities. In addition to emerging opportunities to integrate existing resources, the focus of the Systems Integration forum could also include new resources. PSE is interested in driving towards regional consistency in planning, analysis and modeling where reasonable. We are also interested in system integration for resources on both the customer and utility side of the meter. In addition to smart grid and storage, we are interested in exploring a framework for the location-based valuation of DR and DERs. Given the very broad nature of this topic, perhaps the forum could set a few concise goals for their discussions in the first year to determine if regional interest is strong enough to maintain the forum.

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