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Re: IR 15-296, Investigation into Grid Modernization  
Confirming Public Comment Hearing

To the Parties:

The Commission has confirmed that a public comment hearing for inquiries from the Commission regarding Staff's report and comments filed by stakeholders will be held on Friday, April 12, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

In preparation for that hearing, the Commission has requested that stakeholders consider the following specific questions:

1. Are there specific issues that must be addressed first as threshold matters before other issues are resolved? If so, which issues?
2. Are there specific issues that must be adjudicated rather than being considered through a working group process? If so, what are those issues and why must they be adjudicated?
3. Are there specific issues that may be addressed first through a working group process, subject to Commission resolution in the absence of consensus? If so, what are those issues?
4. What should be the interaction between the proposed Integrated Distribution Plan (IDP) process and content and the LCIRP statutory requirements?
5. Should rate design issues be addressed at the same time and through the same process as IDP/grid modernization planning?

With respect to questions 1-3 above, the relevant issues to be addressed should include the following working group topics proposed by Staff in Section 5.1.2 on page 66 of the Staff Report: rate design; cost-effectiveness analysis methodology; utility cost recovery; utility and customer data access; hosting capacity analysis; locational value analysis; metering; customer education; strategic electrification; DER pricing structure; consolidated billing; cybersecurity; and annual reporting requirements.

Please note that the subjects of inquiry during the public comment hearing will not necessarily be limited to those listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra A. Howland".

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