



ATTACHMENT 1

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1. **Definition for the term “Distribution Planning Process.”**
 - a. Each investor-owned utility (IOU) shall describe its definition of the term “Distribution Planning Process” (DPP).
2. **IOU’s Existing DPP**
 - a. Each IOU shall describe its current DPP and the timeline for the infrastructure improvements needed for a high-electrification future.
 - b. Each IOU shall also discuss how they plan for a high electrification future while controlling costs and managing flexible loads. Each utility shall discuss all EV sectors described in question 2 d and how they plan for loads that are expected to occur beyond the current planning horizon.
 - c. Identify what new or changes to existing Commission decisions or policy guidance are needed for the IOUs to meet their obligation to serve electrification load growth while ensuring safe, reliable, affordable service?
 - d. Describe utility assumptions on load projections, including (1) transportation electrification and (2) building electrification. For transportation electrification, each utility shall include light-duty, medium-duty, and heavy-duty transportation-electrification assumptions, including fleet, freight, and port electrification assumptions. In addition, each utility shall describe the method(s) they use to identify their residential, commercial, and fleet electric vehicle (EV) customers and associated EV charging loads for residential, workplace, public, fleet, freight, and port segments. (e.g., Department of Motor Vehicle registration data, Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) aggregation, new connection applications, and others)
 - e. Explain any constraints and barriers to achieving adequate and optimal planning for high electrification and the IOU’s current plans for addressing known capacity constraints.

- f. Include the identified primary risk factors for near-term capacity constraints for new loads, building electrification, distributed energy resources (DER) interconnection, electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) energization, and longer-term high electrification in their DPP. Include all measures being taken to mitigate those risks.
- g. Describe current utility access to and plans to acquire the necessary software, data, and database tools to support planning and modeling to prepare the electric system for high electrification, including those needed to maximize capacity utilization, manage flexible loads, and minimize overbuilding. Discuss plans, use cases, and timelines for fully deploying existing tools or future advanced software and database systems.
- h. Describe the IOU's current Local Planning Engagement processes, forums for outreach to stakeholders, existing challenges, and improvement plans. Include a discussion of how the utility will improve engagement and communication with local and regional planning entities, ensuring that infrastructure planning and additions at the regional and local level are informed by an IOU's DPP and vice versa.
- i. Question for PG&E only - How has PG&E's Regionalization and its transition to a regional service model impacted PG&E's ability to respond to local needs and facilitate community engagement?

3. DPP alignment with General Rate Case (GRC) proceeding, electrification planning, and the California Energy Commission's (CEC's) Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) demand forecast and demand scenarios.

- a. Describe the inter-relationships (process, inputs and assumptions, and timeline) between the GRC, CEC IEPR, and DPP, including Grid Needs Assessment and Distribution Deferral Opportunity Reports (GNA/DDOR) filings.
- b. Discuss how well GRC, IEPR, and DPP processes are aligned regarding grid infrastructure investment needed to meet the load and DER projections of a high

electrification future. If applicable, propose any specific process alignment improvements.

- c. Clarify what type of distribution investments are included in the GNA/DDOR filings, whether a) 100 percent of planned distribution investments or b) only those investments currently funded by a GRC are included in the annual DDOR filings. If the answer is b, explain why the IOU deems it allowable according to the GNA/DDOR filing requirements.