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Comments of James Adcock Regards UE-240433 6/28/2024

"The Dog Ate Our Homework -- Again"

I express concerns that, once again, Puget is cancelling an IRP in process, one which Puget has severely compromised already, by already engaging in a "Freeze Out" of public participation, sending the historic "stakeholder community" a strongly worded "disinvite letter", stating that Puget was picking their own "Organizations" to represent the public, rather than actually allowing public participation. And then those chosen "Organizational Representatives" don't even show up for the Puget IRP meetings, which Puget now called RPAG meetings, and so the public doesn't end up with any representation at all -- except UTC staff and Public Council, neither of which can reasonably be called participation by the "public." And then, once again, Puget just kills the IRP process anyway midstream.

Staying at 63% for several years clearly does not represent "progress". Rather it demonstrates "stagnation" -- that Puget is not actually making any "linear glidepath" progress towards CETA's 2030 requirements that utilities be "80% actually clean" -- 80% not from fossil fuel energy, with Puget only actually delivering to customer load 20% or less power from fossil fuels [as opposed to "Sham Swaps"].

If BPA lack of adequate transmission builds or upgrades is the problem, then BPA's transmission will continue to be a problem a few years later -- BPA claims they are not going to do new transmission until the 2030 timeframe. So, Puget needs to find other ways to get to 80% actually clean power delivered to customer load in 2030. I would suggest that Puget look to build more utility-scale Wind and Solar within their own service territory [because Puget not BPA primarily controls transmission build in their own territory] -- recognizing that yes, such new builds do not provide much towards Puget "peak capacity needs" -- but rather do make good progress towards Puget actually meeting the CETA 2030 requirements to be actually 80% clean in 2030.

Please instruct Puget to "Stop the Game-Playing and Get On With It" -- actually start and finish IRPs. Actually allow real meaningful direct "public participation" in the IRP process rather than muzzling the public critics of Puget's continuing inaction. And actually build new Wind and Solar, or whatever it takes to actually reduce Puget's over-reliance on fossil fuels -- which *does not* mean that these new non-emitting resources need to contribute greatly to Puget's peak capacity needs. In order that Puget meets the requirement of CETA to actually be 80% clean in 2030 -- 80% power actually delivered to customer load from non-emitting and renewable sources.

Please stop Puget from making these continued delays, excuses, and cancellations of IPRs in progress.

No more Puget Excuses: "The Dog Ate Our Homework -- Again"

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