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Regarding UE-191023 and UE-190698

I appreciate the detail in this document about how utilities must communicate with stakeholders, but I believe the language across different sections leaves the expected make-up of a utility's Advisory Group unclear. I believe it is clear that members of the public may attend advisory group meetings and probably must be told about how someone could become a member of an advisory group, but I see nothing that clearly says a utility does not decide who is and isn't on the advisory group. I assume that any member of the public with an expressed interest is expected to be allowed to participate fully in the this process.

For PSE's 2017 IRP process, I believe that anyone who requested was put on the advisory committee. For their 2019 IRP process, PSE instituted an application process that allowed them to keep anyone they wanted off the advisory committee. Ultimately, I believe they accepted some people they did not want, but other people who were initially rejected never had the opportunity to rejoin. PSE allowed members of the public to attend advisory group meetings, which the current document also clearly requires, but PSE only allowed members of the advisory group to speak. The public was reduced to spectator status. Current language in this document appears to me to allow PSE to use this exclusionary practice again.

Members of the public should be allowed to be on the advisory group and should be allowed to speak and participate during meetings. Language in this document must make it clear that utilities are not gatekeepers and that any stakeholder with an interest is allowed to participate as fully as any other member of an advisory group.

Thank-you for your attention to this matter.

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