

Attachment A

(6) The independent evaluator will prepare an ~~initial report to the commission at the conclusion of the bid evaluation process, before reconciling project rankings with the utility, and a final report after reconciling rankings with the utility in accordance with WAC 480 107 035(4) Project ranking procedure. The initial report may be filed with the commission simultaneously with the final report.~~ The final report must ~~include~~ including an evaluation of the competitive bidding process in selecting the lowest reasonable cost acquisition or action to satisfy the identified resource need, including the adequacy of communication with stakeholders and bidders. The commission may request that additional analysis be included in the final report.

(a) No stakeholder, including the utility or staff, shall have any editorial control over the independent evaluator's ~~initial final report, other than routine processes, such as administrative corrections or to remove bids that do not comply with the minimum criteria identified in the RFP.~~

(b) The final report ~~should not differ significantly from the initial report and~~ must explain ranking differences and why the independent evaluator and the utility were, or were not, able to reconcile the differences.

(c) The utility, staff, and stakeholders may submit responses to the final report with the commission.