

Small Business Economic Impact Statement Questionnaire

For Proposed Electric Service Reliability Rule

We would like to engage your active participation in the demanding task of quantifying, to the extent possible, the direct and indirect costs of the draft rule circulated with this package of materials. We believe it will be both worthwhile for you and helpful to us if you provide a detailed response to our questions. However, if you find that you cannot respond in detail, we ask that you contact Mark Anderson at (360) 664-1311 or manderso@wutc.wa.gov to discuss other ways you can assist us in this important undertaking. Among other things, we will use the information you provide to assist us to prepare a Small Business Economic Impact Statement (SBEIS). To maximize the value of the information you provide, we ask that you furnish your response (text and tables) in hard copy and electronic versions.

1. Please state whether or not the draft rule will require modification of existing operating practices or adoption of a new operating practice. Please provide your assessment of how it may affect your business.
2. Provide a description or list of:
 - (i) any cost savings the rule might promote,
 - (ii) any new costs the rule might impose, and
 - (iii) any non-monetary costs or benefits that might result from the rule.
3. Estimate of benefits: For each new rule described or listed in response to question number 2(i), please provide:
 - (a) your best estimate of direct and indirect quantifiable benefits, and
 - (b) an assessment of how these benefits may change over time. Please note that the benefits may include a possible reduction in informal complaints, formal complaints, and litigation that might otherwise be experienced in the absence of the rule.
4. Estimate of costs: For each new rule described or listed in response to question number 2(ii), please provide your best estimate of quantifiable direct and indirect costs. If possible, these costs should be broken down into: capital costs (major investment such as production capital costs), operating and maintenance costs (further broken into sub-accounts which include but are not limited to human capital costs such as administrative and government, professional or consultants, laborers, etc.; and opportunity costs. Please identify each cost item as fixed, variable, average or incremental, state whether the costs are anticipated to be one-time costs or periodic costs (*e.g.*, monthly, cyclical, or annual). Please state each anticipated cost in appropriate units (*e.g.*, \$/yr, \$/hr, \$/customer, \$/kW, \$/kW-yr, \$/kWh, etc.).
5. For each estimate of benefits and costs (in 3 and 4 above), please describe the data and methodology used for the calculations, citing any engineering cost-estimating manual or other guidelines used to prepare your estimates.
6. Non-monetary costs or benefits: For each response to question number 2(iii), please provide a narrative description of the nature of the cost and/or benefit and its anticipated impact on your company.
7. For each estimate of benefits and costs, please indicate the annual frequency or number of times that customers from each service class (residential, commercial, and industrial) may utilize each rule in order to assess the expected annual cost per-customer per-rule.