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NM PRC's 2022 Grid Modernization Webinar Series
March 3, 2022 Webinar #2
Integrated Distribution Planning
Meeting Notes

Meeting Objectives

- Provide overview of components and practices of Integrated Distribution Planning
- Gather stakeholder input on components of planning and developing integrated planning process

In attendance:

- Over 40 individuals
- 20 distinct participating organizations represented

Meeting Agenda is available [here](#)

A presentation on Integrated Distribution Planning (IDP) was presented by:

- Lisa Schwartz, Manager and Strategic Advisor, Electric Markets and Policy Department, Berkeley Labs
 - Presentation slides available [here](#)

Stakeholder Facilitated Discussion (Grounding; Reflection; Interpretation; Decisional)

- Potential content for Grid Mod Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR):
 - The NM state statute allows regulated utilities to file grid modernization projects with the NMPRC, for approval and cost recovery; such grid mod projects should be considered within IDP filings.
 - Consider a phased-in approach to the development of comprehensive IDP's.
 - The specific contents of IDP filings will continue to be the focus of this workshop series. From this discussion, Hosting Capacity Analysis (HCA) is identified as one critical component.
 - Although new to the PRC and the regulated utilities, IDP's are seen as equal in value and importance to Integrated Resource Plans (IRP's). Consider requiring IDP's to precede IRP's, and to be an input into IRP's. Also, both planning processes should use common data, information and other planning components.
 - Recognize and incorporate key objectives of an IDP process, such as: increased transparency regarding utility decision making; and articulating and pursuing specific public policy objectives.



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- Regarding PRC regulatory and utility planning processes (and also potentially addressed in the NOPR):
 - Identify the key drivers of an IDP process in NM:
 - Costs: the growing magnitude of distribution-level capital investments occurring or on the horizon, with minimal oversight
 - Distributed Energy Resources (DERs): their growing penetration on the distribution grid, the potential for disruptive impacts and system benefits and the need to proactively address such
 - Grid Mod objectives: the multiple policy objectives stated in statutes need to be addressed, coordinating PRC efforts with other state agencies
 - Focus on the desired, and actual, results/outcomes of IDP; incorporate this into the PRC process and monitor after implementation. Also:
 - What can be learned from other states, regarding outcomes and impacts of IDP?
 - Consider customer impacts of IDP, in terms of services (potential degradation) and increases in rates/bills.
 - Also consider impacts upon the DER market participants, in terms of impacts upon ease of third parties engaging with customers and delivering services.
- Other process input:
 - Electric cooperatives (in NM and others states) are an active and important part of the Grid Mod efforts. Consider how to best invite in, and incorporate, such non-regulated electric utilities.
 - This proceeding, and the resulting NOPR, have multiple potential overlaps with other PRC proceedings and processes, such as Interconnection Standards and the associated Guidebook. Factor in the interactions in Grid Mod and IDP efforts.