

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

Investigation into Possible Amendment of Utah Admin. Code R746-312, Electrical Interconnection	<u>DOCKET NO. 23-R312-01</u> <u>NOTICE OF VIRTUAL SCHEDULING CONFERENCE</u>
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ISSUED: December 14, 2023

On September 8, 2023, the Public Service Commission (PSC) issued a Notice and Request for Comments (“Request for Comments”) in this docket. The request solicited comments from stakeholders concerning whether the PSC should amend Utah Admin. Code R746-312 (“Interconnection Rule”) to reflect aspects of the (2018) IEEE 1547 interconnection standard.

On October 31, 2023, the following parties filed comments: Western Resource Advocates (WRA), Rocky Mountain Power (RMP), Smart Wave Solar, and the Division of Public Utilities (DPU). Vote Solar and Utah Clean Energy (UCE) jointly filed comments the same date. On November 30, 2023, the DPU and RMP filed reply comments.

UCE and Vote Solar recommend the PSC initiate a process consisting of two phases with the first phase requiring collaboration via technical conferences and stakeholder meetings, and the second phase involving proposed amendments to the rule, an additional technical conference, and periods for public comments and replies. WRA also proposes a relatively lengthy process to include technical conferences and working groups followed by administrative proceedings to amend the Interconnection Rule.

In reply, DPU proposes a single technical conference is sufficient. DPU does not believe additional stakeholder meetings would be productive, explaining stakeholders could not reach a consensus on similar topics in their recent GRID Modernization Collaboration.

RMP similarly advises the processes WRA, Vote Solar, and UCE recommend would be resource-intensive for the participants and exceed the process necessary to update the Interconnection Rule. RMP suggests one technical conference and two rounds of comments should be sufficient for stakeholders to present their respective proposed amendments to the rule and others to respond to those proposals.

The PSC's Request for Comments indicates the PSC initiated this docket for the specific purpose of investigating whether the PSC should amend the Interconnection Rule to reflect aspects of the (2018) IEEE 1547 interconnection standard. The PSC is not inclined to require DPU and RMP to devote substantial resources participating in a lengthy process of workgroup and/or stakeholder meetings given that neither believes such a process is necessary or likely to be productive. The PSC expects one technical conference, however, will prove constructive for both stakeholders and the PSC.

Accordingly, the PSC gives notice it will host a virtual scheduling conference on **Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.** The PSC subsequently intends to issue a scheduling order that establishes a date and time for a technical conference, a

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comment period, and a period for filing replies to such comments. Parties should, therefore, come to the scheduling conference prepared to discuss convenient and appropriate dates to conduct the technical conference and for filing comments and replies. This scheduling conference will be conducted via Google Meet at the following link: meet.google.com/grw-munz-xbc

In the event of unresolvable technological problems related to the scheduling conference's video conferencing, participants should use the following audio-only participation information: 352-765-0139 PIN: 600 598 083#

Individuals needing accommodations during the conference should notify the PSC at 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 530-6716, at least three working days prior to the conference.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, December 14, 2023.

/s/ Michael J. Hammer
Presiding Officer

Attest:

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