

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

Proposed Rulemaking Concerning Utah
Code §§ 54-26-101 to -901, Large-Scale
Electric Service Requirements

DOCKET NO. 25-R318-01
NOTICE OF PUBLIC WITNESS HEARING

ISSUED: October 29, 2025

The Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public witness hearing on **Thursday, October 30, 2025, beginning at 1:00 p.m., Fourth Floor Hearing Room 403, Heber M. Wells Building, 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.** Any person desiring to attend this event must show government-issued photo identification to be admitted past the building security station. The purpose of this hearing is to allow any interested person the opportunity to provide comments to the PSC on the statutory requirements the PSC must comply with under Section 54-26-901.

The PSC shall impose and collect a fee from each large load customer that submits a large-scale service request ("large load customer") to cover the cost of retaining qualified consultants and experts by the PSC, the Division of Public Utilities, and the Office of Consumer Services ("Outside Experts") to evaluate large-scale service requests and large load contracts; and any other reasonable costs incurred in conducting proceedings and evaluations. The fee shall be assessed on a semi-annual basis corresponding to the study periods established in Section 54-26-202; determined based on the anticipated needs given the number and complexity of requests received in each study period; and proportionately allocated among large load customers with pending requests. The costs will vary depending on the number

and complexity of the requests. All fees collected shall be remitted to the state treasurer and credited to the Public Utility Regulation Fee Account created in Section 54-5-1.5.

While the PSC is still considering the fee structure, a fee per request could be comprised of: (1) a fixed fee component allocated equally among all large load customers making requests in the semi-annual period¹ and (2) a variable fee component that would vary depending on the complexity of each large load customer's request and be calculated at the end of the semi-annual period. The variable fee component would consider the complexity of the request and be assigned points representing different levels of complexity. The following is an example of how such points could be assigned:

- low complexity = **1 point**;
- medium complexity = **3 points**;
- high complexity = **5 points**; and,
- ultra-high complexity = **10+ points**

The PSC would track the volume and complexity of the requests by customer and, at the end of the semi-annual period, determine the monetary value of each point (i.e., the V Rate) for that semi-annual period, which would be adjusted over time. As an example, assuming a V Rate of \$2,500 per point, the calculation would be as follows:

¹ The fixed component would be based on the total projected costs of retaining the Outside Experts and to cover other operational costs allowed by SB132. For purposes of the example, the PSC will assume fixed costs for the first semi-annual period of \$50,000.

- Variable fee = Total Customer Score X V Rate
- Variable fee = 10 points X \$2,500 per point = \$25,000

Thus, assuming the PSC anticipates 5 requests (customers A, B, C, D and E, during the first semi-annual period), the fixed fee amount due from each customer for the first billing cycle (April 1) would be \$10,000 (\$50,000 divided by 5). At the end of the initial semi-annual period, Customers A-E would pay the variable fees. Assuming Customers A and B involve medium complexity transactions (3+3), Customer C is a high complexity transaction (5) and Customers D & E are ultra-high complexity transactions (10), Customers A and B would pay variable fees of \$7,500 each, Customer C would pay \$12,500, and Customers D & E would pay \$25,000 each. These amounts would be added to the \$10,000 that each paid in fixed fees. The sum of the total amounts paid by each customer would be capped at the total actual costs incurred for the semi-annual period. The PSC intends to make the actual calculation information available to each customer upon request.

The public witness hearing will continue until all present individuals have had a reasonable opportunity to address the PSC. The PSC may limit remarks that are unduly repetitious at the public witness hearing. The PSC desires to provide an opportunity for all individuals who desire to speak to do so. As such, the PSC may limit the length of individuals' remarks. Any individual wishing to present a statement of position to the PSC that is unable to do so during the public witness hearing may file a written statement of position with the PSC at its office, Fourth Floor, Heber M.

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Wells Building, 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111 in person, by mail, by email to psc@utah.gov, or by facsimile to 801-530-6796. Please indicate that the statement pertains to Docket No. 25-R318-01.

Individuals wishing to participate in the hearing remotely should contact the PSC as soon as possible by calling (801) 530-6716 or (toll-free) 1-866-PSC-UTAH (1-866-772-8824) to receive connection information and instructions.

Individuals needing accommodations during this hearing should notify the PSC at 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 530-6716, as soon as possible.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, October 29, 2025.

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Presiding Officer

Attest:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on October 29, 2025, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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