

Questions for July 30, 2009

Chapter 22 Rulemaking Workshop

1. (For utilities only) Does the resource planning process serve any purpose independent of Chapter 22 for the responding utility? How can the resource planning process be made more meaningful for the utility? What is your definition of “meaningful”? (For non-utility stakeholders only) How can the resource planning process be made more meaningful for the non-utility stakeholders? What is your definition of “meaningful”?
2. What should the objectives be for Chapter 22 Electric Utility Resource Planning relating to (i) resource planning in general and (ii) specifically for each rule presently within Chapter 22, and for a separate rule on transmission and distribution planning to be added to Chapter 22?
3. Are there any rules in Chapter 22 that you believe should be removed in total, pared back in part (in what manner?), or added to (in what manner?) in order to better attain the purpose, meaning, or objectives stated in your responses to questions 1 and 2 above? Please provide an explanation.
4. Should there be a process to determine compliance with the objectives identified in response to question 2 different than that which is already provided for in Chapter 22? Should the process be on a three-year cycle or some other cycle?
5. (For utilities only) Does the resource planning process of your utility deviate from the present business plan process of your utility with respect to load analysis and forecasting, supply-side resources, transmission and distribution analysis, demand-side resources, identification of alternative resource plans, integration and decision analysis? If “yes,” then identify in what manner, i.e., how. Does the utility use the Midas model in any way for its business planning process? Why or why not?
6. What should constitute a “change” from a utility’s preferred resource plan which requires notice to the Commission of that change? When should the Commission be notified of a change in the utility’s preferred resource plan and what should that notification consist of? Should it be whenever the utility’s business plan deviates from the preferred resource plan? Why or why not?
7. Discuss your views on the prospect of adding an annual resource plan filing requirement which is consistent with and supported by the utility’s business plan. What items should be included in an annual resource plan filing if it is determined an annual update process should be included in Chapter 22?
8. What reporting requirements in the current Chapter 22 rules or existing drafts of an update of the Chapter 22 rules have low value in your view? Why?
9. What reporting requirements in the current Chapter 22 rules or existing drafts of an update of the Chapter 22 rules have high value in your view? Why?