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Comments on March 19th BPA BP/TC-26 Rate Case-Pre-Proceeding Workshop Kickoff

Seattle City Light (City Light) appreciates BPA's efforts actively engage and be responsive to customer engagement and comments regarding the March 19th BP/TC-26 Rate Case, Pre-Proceeding Workshop kickoff. City Light would like to offer the following comments regarding the March 19th workshop and kickoff.

Proposed BP/TC-26 Pre-Proceeding Workshop Schedule

City Light recommends BPA consider that the proposed schedule seems to require all rate and tariff topics to complete steps one through 6 of the BPA approach to customer engagement in one meeting. City Light suggest that this approach will require a limited amount of customer engagement and question time within scheduled meeting time. City Light suggests that this does not leave adequate time for step 5, "Discussion of Customer Feedback" prior to the step 6 staff proposal.

City Light understands the unprecedented number of parallel processes currently occurring and the time constraints. In that context, City Light suggests that BPA consider alternatives that would allow customers to provide feedback prior to the staff proposal. One option City Light recommends BPA consider is to provide customers with key questions and issues for feedback two weeks prior to the BPA workshop where the topics will be covered. BPA could provide these through a Techforum email and request that customers respond within one week.

Alternatively, BPA could provide the meeting materials a full two weeks prior to the BPA workshop. Customers could provide feedback in the same one-week time frame to allow BPA staff time to consider and incorporate customer perspectives. Under either of these options, BPA could move efficiently through each workshop topic allowing discussion and questions after each topic is presented. BPA could further ensure all topics are fully covered in each workshop by limiting each topic's discussion/question time. Customers that have additional questions and alternative proposals would be invited to request Customer workshop time for presenting alternatives and further discussion.

Proposed BP/TC-26 Principles, Topics, and Pre-proceeding Workshops

City Light supports the BP-26 and TC-26 Principles BPA has proposed.

Proposed Dates for Topics

City Light appreciates BPA grouping in person workshop meetings on successive days to reduce travel to and from workshops.

City Light thanks BPA for actively pursuing customer engagement and being responsive to feedback regarding the BP/TC-26 rate case and pre-proceeding workshops.

Sincerely,

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