

Demand-Side Management (DSM) Proposals

Consultant Team Presentation

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DSM Proposal Overview



- Chapter 7 of the Least-Cost Procurement (LCP) Standards states that DSM Proposals will:
 - Manage existing demand for electric or gas supply in a manner consistent with the Least Cost Procurement Standards; or
 - Manage growth in demand for electric or gas supply in such a manner that avoids the need for incremental system investment, thus lowering the average cost of electric or gas supply
- Flexibility within DSM Proposals to reduce energy costs outside of traditional energy efficiency framework (e.g., decarbonization, discounted heat pump rates)

DSM Guidelines



- Council shall review DSM Proposals and RIE shall seek Council input
 - RIE and the Council shall collaborate to propose a process for review of DSM proposals
- Like EE Plans, the Council shall vote whether to endorse DSM Proposals
- Required Council actions/deliverables:
 - Vote to endorse/not endorse DSM Proposal (prior to Proposal filing)
 - DSM Proposal cost-effectiveness memo (within three weeks of filing)

DSM Timeline



Action/Deliverable	Timing
RIE shares draft DSM Proposal with the Council and Division	Six weeks prior to intended filing date
Council and Division review and comment on draft DSM Proposal	<i>Defined by Council and RIE</i>
RIE shares draft DSM Proposal with the Council and Division	At least one week prior to scheduled Council vote
Council vote whether to endorse DSM Proposal	Prior to intended filing date
RIE files DSM Proposal	Intended filing date
Council files DSM Proposal cost-effectiveness memo	Within three weeks of filing date

Potential Timeline for 2026 DSM Proposal



Action/Deliverable	Timing
RIE shares draft DSM Proposal with the Council and Division	September 21
Council and Division review and comment on draft DSM Proposal	September 21 – October 12
RIE shares updated draft DSM Proposal with the Council and Division	November 2
Council vote whether to endorse DSM Proposal	November 19
RIE files DSM Proposal	November 20
Council files DSM Proposal cost-effectiveness memo	December 11

Council Member Discussion



- Do Councilors understand the intent behind Chapter 7 and DSM Proposals overall?
- Does the Council need any clarification on the guidelines for DSM proposals or its responsibilities?
- Does the preliminary timeline for RIE's first-ever DSM proposal work for Councilors?