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Update on the 2020 Demand Response and All-Source RFPs

On May 4, PSE filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“WUTC”) draft Demand Response and All-Source RFPs demonstrating a need for new capacity resources within the next four to five years. Since that time, PSE has developed an updated load forecast as part of its 2021 Integrated Resource Planning (“IRP”) process. The new lower load forecast is expected to reduce the peak capacity need reflected in the draft RFPs filed earlier this year. To allow more time to consider the impact of the lower load forecast on the capacity need, PSE has requested a waiver of the original due date for a WUTC decision to approve or suspend the RFPs, and further requested that the RFPs be considered at the WUTC’s open meeting on September 10, 2020.

PSE is continuing to analyze the extent to which the peak capacity need is lower and/or later than projected at the time that PSE filed the RFPs in those dockets. PSE intends to make a decision soon as to whether to proceed with its 2020 RFPs or withdraw these requests, and we will provide notice in the Commission’s dockets accordingly. Additionally, any such decision will be communicated to stakeholders as soon as practically possible. If the requests are withdrawn, PSE intends to integrate targeted demand response into a separate Targeted Demand Side Management (“TDSM”) RFP in September of this year.

We will continue to provide stakeholders with informational updates as they become available, with the next update planned for late August. Communications will go out via email to all on our notifications lists and on PSE’s RFP webpage (<https://www.pse.com/RFP>). We encourage stakeholders and interested parties to submit any questions or comments to our RFP team at AllSourceRFPmailbox@pse.com.

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