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**Utilization of Storage Resources as Electric
Distribution Assets**

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Before the Commission is the Proposed Policy Statement Order (Proposed Policy Statement) regarding the utilization of storage resources as electric distribution assets. Today the Commission considers issuance of this Proposed Policy Statement for comments from the electric utility industry and interested stakeholders.

Continued advancement in energy storage technology, namely batteries, has led it to become both a viable generation resource as well as a newly viable non-wires alternative for transmission and distribution planning. Because of this, the Commission commenced this very proceeding to provide electric distribution companies (EDCs) regulatory clarity on the Commission's stance regarding the use of storage in distribution system planning and management.

Electricity distribution systems are changing quickly. Distributed energy resources are interconnecting at an almost exponential pace. Electric vehicle adoption continues accelerating. Data centers are establishing themselves in various EDC territories, demanding remarkable amounts of electrical power. These factors, among others, have significantly altered the dynamics of managing the distribution grid. It is apparent that energy storage may offer EDCs a tool to better manage these new dynamics. Energy storage can provide grid stability through services such as peak demand shifting, supplemental power, restoration, and voltage support.

Therefore, we are pleased to take this next step in encouraging EDCs to utilize cost effective energy storage as a distribution resource. We look forward to reviewing stakeholder comments on this Proposed Policy Statement.

DATE: August 24, 2023


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