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Targeted TAG #1 – TAG Meeting

Date & time: 01/25/2024, 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Presenters: Brian Robertson

In attendance: Abbie Krebsbach, Abdallah Abe, Alessandra De La Torre, Bailey Steeves, Brian Robertson, Bruce Folsom, Caleb Reimer, Carolyn Stone, Chris Robbins, Devin McGreal, Eric Wood, Freels Michael, Jeff Endler, Jennifer DeBoer, Kary Burin, Kathleen Campbell, Lori Blattner, Mahon Walsh, Mark Chiles, Mark Sellers-Vaughn, Megan Koelzer, Michael Parvinen, Patrick Darras, Paul Barrager, Quinn Weber, Rachel Preece, Renie Sorensen, Russ Nishikawa, Samuel Crawford, Scott Madison, Shawna Nieraeth, Singh Nicole, Travis Hey, Will Gehrke

Brian Robertson, Supervisor of Resource Planning, opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking stakeholders for participating in Cascade's IRP Process. Brian then proceeded with introductions.

Question: Will Gehrke asked if the meetings are being recorded.

Answer: Devin McGreal responded over chat that he believes they will be to those who are unable to attend. Brian also responded that the recording will also be posted on Cascade's webpage.

Presentation #1 – Safety Moment (Brian Robertson)

- Brian Robertson gave a quick safety moment on winter safety.

Presentation #2 – About Cascade Natural Gas (Brian Robertson)

- Brian presented a brief history and overview of Cascade including Cascade's founding, acquisition by MDU Resources, and current service territory.

Presentation #3 – Purpose of the IRP (Brian Robertson)

- Brian described the purpose of the IRP, being to inform and guide the Company's resource acquisition process consistent with state regulatory requirements. Cascade plans to use feedback from TAG meetings to improve the IRP.

Presentation #4 – IRP Webpage (Brian Robertson)

- Brian opened Cascade's website and directed the group on how to find the IRP webpage. The IRP describes the two- to four-year and 20-year expectation of how cascade expects to safely serve customers energy needs at the lowest reasonable and safe cost. He emphasized the importance of public participation during these TAG meetings. He also explained how Cascade plans to address the feedback given. The full TAG meeting schedule is available on Cascade's website as well as links to previous IRPs. Appendices may also be made available upon request.

Question: Quinn Weber asked to post the link to the stakeholder engagement document.

Answer: Brian sent the link via meeting chatroom.

Presentation #5 – Stakeholder Engagement Design Document (Brian Robertson)

- Brian explained the importance of the stakeholder engagement design document in that it is for aligning perspectives for maximizing the effectiveness, influence, and amount of contributions from stakeholders. It's important to ask methodology and technical questions early in the process to allow Cascade time to make any changes. The desired result is to be confident in the quality of the draft IRP with feedback from external stakeholders to ensure the final draft exceeds expectations.
- Brian asked if Bruce Folsom had anything he'd like to add.
- Bruce explained how cascade has tried to make it as easy as possible for the public to give input and encouraged the public to reach out to any member of the Resource Planning team if there are any questions.

Presentation #6 – IRP Team (Brian Robertson)

- Brian quickly showed the list of those involved with the IRP process, including those who will be presenting during TAG meetings.

Presentation #7 – Feedback for Cascade (Brian Robertson)

- Brian allowed a moment for feedback.

Question: Abe Abdallah explained the need for analysts to see data before the filing of the IRP. He asked what Brian's view is on sharing data pre-filing.

Answer: Brian responded that is something Cascade will consider.

Question: Quinn Weber asked what amount of the documents that come out of this process will be available in other languages.

Answer: Brian explained that he doesn't believe there will be any documents necessarily, but it is currently under consideration. The equity advisory group has emphasized the importance of this accessibility. He showed how that on the website there is a button in the bottom left corner of the webpages to change the page language.

Answer: Bruce Folsom mentioned, in response to Abe's question, we are moving the draft up earlier to give people quicker access to data before the filing of the final draft.

Question: Rachel Preece asked if it's expected that the meetings will continue at the same time during later dates since she is located on the east coast and earlier meetings are more convenient.

Answer: Brian responded that they would try their best to be accommodating to various time schedules and added that Cascade is open to feedback on the time of meetings.

Presentation #8 – 2025 IRP Timeline (Brian Robertson)

- Brian explained that the Customer Load Forecast Targeted TAG meeting date will be switched with the Distribution System Planning meeting.
- The Resource Integration TAG meeting will now be Thursday, May 30th, not Friday, May 31st.
- There is an option for a TAG 4 meeting if there are more questions.

Post Presentations – No comments or questions were made by external stakeholders.

The Meeting was Adjourned

Per Cascade Commitment #8 (Stakeholder Engagement Design Document, 12/4,2023: "Provide TAG minutes that include the action items from bullet #7 as well as any upcoming deadlines for feedback on the IRP"), here are additional action items to track, coming out of the TAG2 meeting:

1. Cascade will consider continuing having TAG meetings early in the day to accommodate those on the East Coast.
2. Cascade will look into improving accessibility in offering materials in other languages.
3. Cascade requests feedback from first TAG meeting no later than Friday, June 28th.