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TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS AND INTERCONNECTION PROCESSES FOR DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES (DERs) BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

TEXAS SOLAR POWER ASSOCIATION AND ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC MEMORANDUM ON DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCE WORKING GROUP

The Texas Solar Power Association (TSPA) and Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC (Oncor) provide this update regarding the status of a Distributed Energy Resource Working Group (DERWG). As referenced in TSPA's June 21, 2023, comments in Project 54233 and during the July 14, 2023, Public Utility Commission (PUC) Workshop discussions, several entities¹ have agreed to participate in an open working group to explore issues related to distributed generation interconnection processes, including but not limited to the potential for a form of an ERCOT Hosting Capacity Analysis (ERCOT HCA) to be performed by distribution utilities.

The working group will work through the issues associated with an ERCOT HCA including the pros and cons, cost and benefits, as well as the advantages or disadvantages of implementing an ERCOT HCA. The working group, in part or in whole, may provide a recommendation to the PUC staff. A recommendation should explicitly state the working group participants who support the recommendation. If the recommendation is in favor of an ERCOT HCA adoption then it should provide to the PUC staff additional specific information on the necessary characteristics of an ERCOT HCA. The working group will be open to any interested stakeholders, and information regarding the scheduled DERWG meetings will be posted in this project.

An initial DERWG meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2024, at 8000 Metropolis Blvd, Building E, Austin TX 78744 at 1:00 pm Central Standard Time.

¹ AEP, CNP, Oncor, TSPA, TNMP

The agenda for this meeting is posted below and may be updated up to one week prior to the scheduled meeting

Agenda

- I. Introductions
- II. National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) presentation
- III. Define Purpose and Scope of Working Group
- IV. Next Steps

All interested stakeholders are invited to attend. For planning purposes, please RSVP to one of the two individuals listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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