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DRAC Issue Paper Comments

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Representing: Self

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Demand Response Advisory Committee issue paper. In this message, I'm offering my own views on the proposed scope. I applaud the Council's 7th plan findings that DR is a cost-effective resource that utilities in the NW should use to satisfy resource adequacy requirements. I support an early focus by the DRAC on defining and addressing barriers, leveraging existing infrastructure, and developing a common understanding of DR.

To best support DR development that meets or exceeds levels contemplated in the 7th Plan, developing a common understanding of DR products will be invaluable to utilities, regulators, governing boards and DR practitioners and should be included explicitly in the DRAC charter. Because I have observed a wide range of DR definitions in among utilities and other parties in the region, I believe a venue is needed for these entities to discuss the nature of capacity and resource adequacy requirements and develop common definitions of DR products that can satisfy these needs. If the Council agrees that such a venue will be beneficial and should be undertaken, I am suggesting the following element of scope for the DRAC that could be included its charter:

- Assisting the Council in developing common definitions of demand response products that satisfy regional and local capacity requirements

This work also stands to be valuable to a future System Integration Forum, which I support formation of as a separate entity from the initial DRAC. However, I suggest the DRAC charter should include a provision for consideration - upon renewal of its charter in 2018 - of whether DRAC scope should be broadened to incorporate the System Integration Forum or other related topics such as distributed energy resources.

Thank You,

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