

Dear Commissioners,

My comments respond to the public utility commission (PUC) work plans to implement the Governor's Executive Order 20-04 (EO) and the draft work plans published on October 6, 2020. My main concern is impacted communities.

- 1) Trusted, local community groups should assist with public outreach, translation, and implementation and they should be paid for their labor.
- 2) Community groups should be consulted about how to translate PUC information to impacted, low-income communities of color (from English to Spanish and wonky to non-expert).
- 3) Clarify how the public will impact the process. Do they have a seat at the table? Any decision-making power? Consulting a community without giving them any decision-making power is not equity.
- 4) Communicate possible benefits to communities of color during outreach so they understand how they and their community could benefit from the engagement. Essentially, what's in it for them? Why should they engage?
- 5) Community groups should be invited to participate in the hiring process for the DEI Program Director.
- 6) Keeping energy prices down has always been a PUC priority and I strongly support the exploration of differential energy rates for impacted, low-income communities of color.
- 7) Solar and storage should also be a part of resilience planning for impacted, low-income communities of color.

Thank you for taking the mandate to include impacted communities seriously,

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