



PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD POLICY

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Purpose

Tacoma Public Utilities will secure its commitment to provide safe and reliable power, water, and rail services over the long term (20 to 60 years) by maintaining a discipline of periodically examining the business and technology trends within the respective industries, identifying long-term opportunities for the utilities, and developing shorter term actions that prepare for the possible future(s) identified which will ensure system reliability.

Values

1. TPU understands that it is prudent to conduct long-term resource planning that considers future uncertainty and that such long-term planning results in sustainable utilities delivery of services, budgets and reasonably stable rates.
2. TPU values responsible stewardship and recognizes that resource decisions have financial, environmental, and customer impacts for a generation or more. Such decisions need to be based on thoughtful analyses of all the alternatives based on up-to-date data and information, including trends, risks, pros, cons, and the uncertainty of the future.
3. TPU recognizes our customers should have access to the complex analyses, presented in a way that is understandable and affords an opportunity to provide input in the resource planning process.

Outcomes

1. Long-term resource plans that contemplate the universe of options and consider the likely progression of technology advancement.
2. Long-term resource plans that reflect changing legal and regulatory requirements that have direct or indirect influence on resource alternatives
3. Long-term resource plans based on comprehensive unbiased analyses that take into account current industry conditions and trends in addition to future uncertainties and risks

4. Work products that are written in a way that the general public can comprehend and offer an opportunity for customer input while also providing transparency through technical documentation for members of the public interested in the details.
5. Long-term resource plans that incorporate input from a variety of relevant sources resulting in decisions that ensure reliable systems designed to provide sustainable services on which our customers rely.

Measurements

1. Report each biennium by each utility

Reporting

1. Maybe updates to the PUB as we are developing plans?
2. Maybe updates on action plan items 2x/year?

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