

Proposed Role of the DPAG/DPRG

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Role of the Distribution Planning Advisory Group (DPAG)



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- » Review modeling, assumptions and results for proposed upgrades and investment deferrals
 - > Market participant engagement limited to generic ICA/LNBA modeling, assumptions and results (not specific locational results)
- » Provide input on DER benefits, capabilities, market readiness and portfolios
 - > Requires input from market participants to ensure latest and best data is used, evaluate portfolio options, and suggest innovative solutions.
- » Review grid modernization upgrade proposals
 - > Provide input on which upgrades could potentially be deferred using DER, including optimal portfolio analysis (requires market participants)
- » Provides input for planning and pre-solicitation evaluation

Role of the Distribution Procurement Review Group (DPRG)



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- » Post-solicitation review to evaluate bids and “wires vs. non-wires” investments
- » Non-market participants only
- » Review inputs, assumptions and results of determination of need for capacity deferral/DER alternatives
 - > Includes review of LNBA for the specific location
 - > IPE to provide technical input to assist DPRG
- » Review bids for location-specific competitive solicitations
 - > IPE to provide technical input to assist DPRG
- » Provide recommendations for awarding bids or approving/denying capital investment proposals

Role of the Independent Professional Engineer (IPE)



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- » Support both the DPAG and DPRG
- » Technical experts with experience in distribution system planning and all forms of DER
 - > Requires a pool of experts since it will be very difficult to find individuals who possess sufficient knowledge of both, perhaps managed by a firm or via separate contracts
 - > Multiple IPEs could be called on to support the DPAG/DPRG depending on specific projects/technologies being evaluated
- » Under contract with the CPUC to avoid conflict of interest and maximize subject matter expertise



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Questions or Comments?

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