Regional Transmission Organization Study

SB 589 (2021)

Identifying Oregon Stakeholder Perspectives on Participation in an RTO

In 2021, the Legislature directed ODOE to conduct a literature review of recent relevant studies and to convene a stakeholder advisory committee to inform discussions on the opportunities, barriers, and challenges of Oregon entities participating in a Regional Transmission Organization (RTO). ODOE will synthesize key findings from the literature with perspectives from the advisory committee in a report to the Legislature that is due on December 31, 2021.

External Engagement by ODOE to Implement SB 589:

- Consultation with PUC to develop scoping questions (derived from the review of recent literature) to distribute to the advisory committee ahead of workshops in Fall 2021
- Identification of stakeholders to invite to participate in the advisory committee consistent with the guidance provided in SB 589
- Identification of opportunities to engage with additional stakeholders who are not members of the advisory committee to contribute to the process and provide feedback
- Convening, at minimum, two meetings of the advisory committee to review key findings from the literature review and consider responses to the scoping questions
- Opportunity for stakeholders to provide feedback on the draft report to the Legislature

Project Timeline:

As noted above, SB 589 requires ODOE to complete this work and submit its report to the Legislature by December 31, 2021. The following timeline has been established to accomplish this task:

July 2021: Form Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Aug. 9, 2021: Distribute Scoping Questions to Advisory Committee

Sept. 13, 2021: Deadline to submit written responses to scoping questions

Sept. 20, 2021: Advisory Committee Meeting #1
Oct. 6, 2021: Advisory Committee Meeting #2

Nov. 24, 2021: Opportunity for Advisory Committee feedback on draft report

Dec. 31, 2021: Report due to the State Legislature

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