



# AR 638 PSPS Work Group Meeting Agenda

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Monday, July 12, 2021

10:00 A.M. (PT)

Zoom Meeting

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**1. Introductions (10 minutes)**

**2. Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) Presentation (20 minutes)**

- *ORS Chapter 401*
- *Emergency services vs Electric Utility responsibilities*
- *PSPS as an emergency*

**3. Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) Presentation (30 minutes)**

- *ODHS responsibilities as Emergency Support Function 6 (ESF-6)/Mass Care, and how its response efforts will address County Emergency Manager concerns about resources to support communities impacted by PSPS at the local county level.*
- *What may be needed from Electric Utility (PSPS Details: As much notice as possible, location, estimated length of outage, estimated number of impacted customers, impacted hospitals, impacted eldercare facilities, impacted water and wastewater facilities, medical certificate customer contact information if legally possible, messaging/notification that utility has provided to impacted customers).*

**4. Scoping Discussion (30 minutes)**

- *Distinction between Community Engagement (CE) and Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) rules*
  - *“On-season”:* *PSPS rules should be focused on an active or impending PSPS event, including timing protocols, utility communications with Public Safety Partners, and any actions expected of the utility during an active or impending PSPS event*
  - *“Off-season”:* *Community Engagement rules should be focused on efforts that include ongoing procedures, practices, and campaigns. This includes education efforts, tabletop exercises, and ongoing engagement with Vulnerable Populations and community leaders*
  - *There is some overlap: Some entities may be better defined in one workgroup. For example, though a utility may have PSPS protocols*

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*regarding communications with Vulnerable Populations during a PSPS event, Vulnerable Populations would be best defined in CE group*

- *Comments or concerns on proposed PSPS scope*

## **5. Next steps**

- *Please submit feedback on proposed scope to Nadine Hanhan ([nadine.hanhan@puc.oregon.gov](mailto:nadine.hanhan@puc.oregon.gov)), Lisa Gorsuch ([lisa.gorsuch@puc.oregon.gov](mailto:lisa.gorsuch@puc.oregon.gov)), and Staff Counsel Natascha Smith ([natascha.b.smith@doj.state.or.us](mailto:natascha.b.smith@doj.state.or.us)) by **July 19, 2021**.*
- *Next workshop is August 2, 2021*

## **Questions**

If you have questions on the process or content of this workshop series, please contact Nadine Hanhan and Lisa Gorsuch.

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# Attachment A – Proposed PSPS Scoping Questions and Request for Feedback

## High-Level Questions

- What can the utilities be responsible for during a PSPS?
- After understanding constraints, what sort of support can the utility provide during a PSPS?

## Definitions

- Crisp definitions, including identifying each “bucket” of groups:
  - Public Safety Partners
  - Critical Facilities
  - Etc.

## PSPS Protocols:

- Executing a PSPS:
  - Who – Define “buckets” of groups with help from CE group:
    - Examples: Public Safety Partners (County Emergency Managers, ESF Partners/State Emergency Managers, etc.), Critical Facilities, customers, and others affected by PSPS
  - When?
    - Timelines for notification for each “bucket”
    - “PSPS Warning” – Should the utility post warnings in the “on-season?”
  - What?
    - What should be communicated to each “bucket?”
    - Potential for forms to be filled out for PSPS communication with Emergency Management
  - Where?
    - GIS polygons
    - Who should receive GIS polygons?
    - Should these “polygons” be posted on the utility’s website or be given when requested?
  - Why?
    - Articulation that an Electric Utility’s service area is within Public Safety Power Shutoff conditions
      - Strong wind events
      - Other current weather conditions
      - Primary triggers in high risk zones that could cause a fire
      - Any other elements that define an extreme fire hazard

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- After Action Reports
  - How to communicate?
    - Develop general protocols for communications with each group “bucket”
    - How should the Electric Utility communicate with authorized alerting entities?
    - Challenges in differences among counties

### Additional Scoping Questions

- Compliance with SB 762
- What is the utility’s responsibility when a PSPS is triggered by another utility (e.g., another Investor Owned Utility (IOU), Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), or Consumer Owned Utility (COU) (Co-op, Municipality, People’s Utility District)
- Are Electric Utilities required to communicate with telecommunication providers differently from other critical facilities or critical infrastructure providers?
- Can the utility be responsible for providing back up power for telecommunications entities? How would this impact rates for the utility’s entire customer base including those not living in the PSPS zone?
- Reporting Requirements (see [OAR 860-024-0160](#))
- Decision criteria – should criteria for a PSPS be outlined in rules?

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