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RE: Resource Planning and Procurement, Docket Nos. E-00000V-15-0094; E-00000V-13-0070:

Dear Fellow Commissioners and Interested Parties:

At the July 7, 2015 Staff Open Meeting, Commissioner Little and I proposed extending the planning cycle for the next Integrated Resource Plans ("IRP") for Commission consideration. Under the proposed two-part timeline which is attached to this letter, the Load Serving Entities would file their preliminary IRPs on April 1, 2016. The Commission, interested parties and potentially a consultant would then review the IRPs, and ask questions, provide feedback, etc. on the preliminary plans. The Load Serving Entities would then revise or update their plans based on that input and file their final plans on June 1, 2017. The Commission, interested parties and potentially a consultant would then have an opportunity to review these final plans. Staff would then docket a proposed order for Commission consideration and vote to acknowledge and/or approve the plans.

I have previously expressed my view that the Commission follows the Load Serving Entities when it comes to the IRP process because there is little time for input and discussion after the plans are filed. This two-part process would permit more back and forth discussion and input regarding the plans prior to our voting on them. I believe this would result in a more robust process that would ultimately benefit ratepayers. However, as Steve Olea mentioned at the Staff Open Meeting, although the Commission may ask the Load Serving Entities to look at additional scenarios, each utility's selected scenario will be the utility's selected scenario, not the Commission's. Any input from the Commission would be for discussion purposes only and should not be viewed as a mandate to the Load Serving Entity to adopt any particular scenario.

At the close of the meeting, Commissioner Little mentioned he would like to receive comments from interested parties regarding the proposed process and extended timeline. I am filing this letter to provide notice that I, too, would like to receive input on this proposal.

Please file your comments in Docket No. E-00000V-15-0094 by July 23, 2015. I look forward to reviewing the comments filed and discussing and considering this matter with my fellow Commissioners at an upcoming Open Meeting.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Burns  
Commissioner

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Task Name	Start Date	End Date	Duration	Responsibility
<b>ACC IRP Process (with Preliminary Plan Submittal)</b>	<b>09/01/15</b>	<b>02/01/18</b>	<b>633</b>	
Pre-filing Workshops	09/01/15	01/29/16	109	ACC
LSE's File Preliminary Resource Plans	04/01/16	04/01/16	1	LSEs
Staff/Consultant Review of Prelimin. Plans	04/04/16	12/30/16	195	Staff/Consultant
ACC Open Meeting to Review Prelim. Plans	02/10/17	02/10/17	1	ACC
LSE's Revise Resource Plans/Workshops	02/13/17	05/31/17	78	LSEs
LSE's File Final Resource Plans	06/01/17	06/01/17	1	LSEs
Staff/Consultant Review of Final Plans	06/02/17	10/02/17	87	Staff/Consultant
Staff/Consultant Dockets ROO	10/30/17	10/30/17	1	
ACC Open Meeting to Review Final Plans	02/01/18	02/01/18	1	ACC