

# FEI Working Group Work Scope Clarification

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# FEIWG Terms of Reference

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**Workstream #1 - DER Usage:** This workstream is intended to investigate and support utilities' use of DERs they do not own as alternatives to traditional solutions to meet distribution needs. The near-term activities will focus on:

- Establishing a working definition of DERs.
- Developing a number of high-value, non-utility-owned DER use cases as alternatives to meet distribution system needs, based on relevant players' knowledge of needs and alternative solutions.
- Defining an approach to measure the benefits of these DER use cases relative to costs and assess the value of DERs relative to traditional distribution investments.
- Developing appropriate incentives for distributors to adopt DERs for distribution uses that do not require equity investment by the utility.

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## Deliverables

1. ...
2. ...
3. Identifying and suggesting relative priority of subsequent issues and areas of focus to be addressed in subsequent phases and workstreams of the FEIWG, and any other matter requiring the OEB's attention.

The progress made on these near-term priorities will inform subsequent areas of focus, issues to be addressed and activities to be undertaken, consistent with the incremental approach to work.

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## **OEB's March 23<sup>rd</sup> Letter**

- The OEB has developed two workstreams that involve a number of tasks intended to address priority issues in the near term.
- The objective of this approach is to respond to the most pressing issues and lay the foundations for future work.
- As progress is made on these near-term priorities, subsequent areas of focus will be identified to build upon the progress achieved.

## **OEB's May 10<sup>th</sup> Letter confirming priority workstreams**

- While near-term activities will address priority issues, the FEIWG's consideration of the issues is expected to generate suggestions and proposals for subsequent workstreams.
- The OEB's determination of subsequent areas of work will be informed by the FEIWG's input.