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For Immediate Release:

When it comes to utility costs, the PSC is making sure you get your money's worth.

If you were building a new home, you would not only want to get what you paid for, you would want to get as much as you could, including top quality, for the money you're spending. In other words, you would want to optimize your capital. This concept is also important in public utilities. The PSC is responsible for making sure ratepayers get the most for the rates they pay without risking reliability. We currently have a team looking at how we can improve our oversight of public utilities with regard to capital optimization. The team has members representing each of the three Commissioners, the Commission Staff, and the Public Utilities Staff---the other agency that supports the PSC with expert analysts. The team, chaired by PSC Chief Counsel Shawn Shurden, will deliver a report with its recommendations related to three areas; project selection and timing, engineering and design, and project construction. I fully support the team and its work. In the end, the PSC will improve its ability to regulate projects as small as a new electrical substation to a large scale, cutting edge power plant.

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