

SCL Review Panel Work Plan Brainstorming Discussion – June 26, 2018

The Panel is required to submit a biennial work plan to the Mayor and Council following adoption of each Strategic Plan and Update. The work plan covers the period from now until the next Strategic Plan update is delivered to Mayor and Council (May 2020).

The Panel authorizing legislation states that work plan items may include but are not limited to:

- financial policies
- cost allocation
- rate design
- operational efficiency

The current work plan includes 5 types of items:

1. Monitoring of progress on strategic plan and initiatives
2. Reviewing baseline costs & revenues issues
3. Load forecast, energy efficiency, retail revenue issues
4. Efficiencies in operations
5. Strategic plan development

A copy of the current work plan is attached, along with excerpts from the Panel's authorizing legislation.

Staff tell us that *rate design* will be a major issue they hope the Panel will address in the next year—the goal being for the Utility to propose a new rate structure in 2019 that would, if approved, apply in 2020.

Another issue that Leigh would like to bring forward in the next several months is proposed *modifications to the strategic plan tracking format*, to provide the Panel better insight into how the 7 new initiatives are proceeding—beyond just red light, yellow light, green light status.

For today's brainstorming discussion, we have 2 questions:

1. **Substance:** *What issues* would you like the Review Panel to take up in the next 2 years?
2. **Process:** What changes or improvements would you suggest as to *how* the Review Panel does its work/is briefed on issues?

Next steps will be to take Panel ideas, and input from SCL Leadership and the Panel Steering Committee, and bring a draft work plan back to you at our next meeting.