

Diverse Contracting Reporting Metrics Policy Proposal

- Each utility has indicated that it is committed to procuring goods and services for its ratepayer-funded energy efficiency portfolio in a competitive, fair, transparent and equitable manner.
- Each utility also acknowledges the value of supplier diversity in equitably investing ratepayer funds in the communities from which they originated, by creating business and employment opportunities in the ratepayer-financed energy efficiency job market.
- Each utility has committed to creating a Market Development Initiative designed to increase training and contracting opportunities for diverse contractors. As such, each utility will report on the effectiveness of its efforts to enable and provide increases in diverse contracting within the utility's energy efficiency portfolio.

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In addition to any standard (more general) diverse contractor reporting already undertaken by the utility pursuant to Section 5-117 of the Public Utilities Act, and for electric utilities, as ordered by the Commission in the electric utility performance based ratemaking dockets (ICC Docket Nos. 22-0063 and 22-0067), the goal is to require the utilities to report on a statewide set of metrics designed to provide insight into the policy objective of increasing opportunities for diverse contractors to engage in energy efficiency contracting, and other policy objectives.