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Pete – Sorry for the delay in getting this to you; we were in meetings today until after 5pm. My global comment is related to sustainability policies, particularly energy efficiency. We both agree on the importance of energy saving measures and sustainability against a rigorous State framework on greenhouse gas reduction and other associated goals. Microsoft as the second largest PSE customer by usage and has a rigorous program underway to both conserve more power, track usage patterns, and encourage alternatives. These policies will do little to change that trajectory since cost and economics are primary drivers as much as sustainability. I suspect this is true for others since this is fundamentally how these decisions get made.

As drafted, energy policies like those in UT-43 (and potentially others) have significant implementation challenges without further specificity on intent, implementation flexibilities and alternatives. If energy sustainability is simply going to be legislatively required without deep understanding about how, and clarity of the outcomes, these may become economic disincentives v. incentives for projects to accomplish. The Comp. Plan policies should articulate goals and outcomes that recognize cost/benefits and economic and environmental paybacks. PSRC policies are very global, and even PSE provides a range of alternative approaches, but not much guidance. That's why we are trying to infuse some balance. Ultimately we can agree on outcomes if there is flexibility on how to attain them.

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Good morning,

Checking in to see if we should expect further comments on Capital Facilities or Utilities Elements. The Planning Commission extended the written comment period to today, 4:30PM.

The next Planning Commission meeting is Aug 10, which is expected to be the final study session on these elements.

Regards,

Pete Sullivan