MPSC – Performance Based Regulation Report

PBR Stakeholder Forum July 24, 2017



Commission shall commence a study in collaboration with:

Representatives of each customer class Other interested parties

Utilities whose rates are regulated by the commission ...regarding performancebased regulation, under which a utility's authorized rate of return would depend on the utility achieving targeted policy outcomes

Commission shall review performance-based regulation systems that have been implemented in another state or country, including, but not limited to, the RIIO (revenue = incentives + innovation + outputs) model utilized in the United Kingdom

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Evaluate, but not be limited to, all of the following factors:

 (a) Methods for estimating the revenue needed by a utility during a multiyear pricing period, and a fair return, that uses forecasts of efficient total expenditures by the utility instead of distinguishing between operating and capital costs



 (b) Methods to increase the length of time between rate cases, to provide utilities with more opportunity to retain cost savings without the threat of imminent rate adjustments, and to encourage utilities to make investments that have extended payback periods



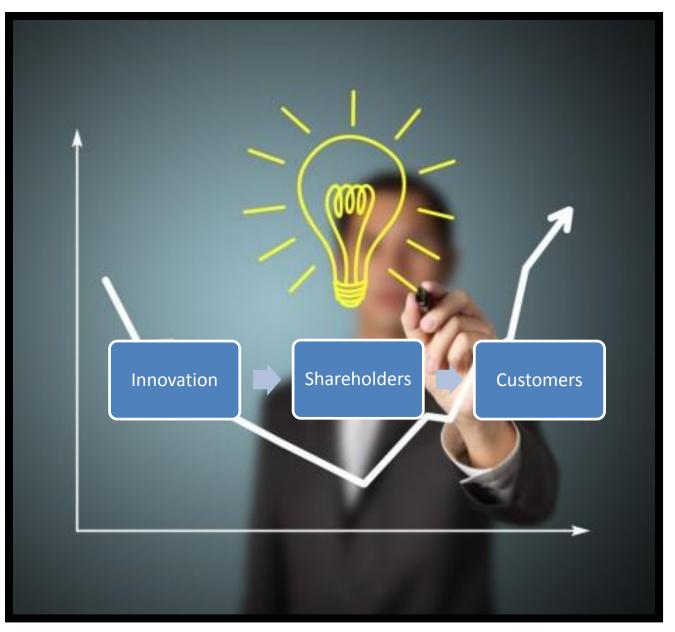


• (c) Options for establishing incentives and penalties that pertain to issues such as customer satisfaction, safety, reliability, environmental impact, and social

obligations









 (d) Profit-sharing provisions that can spread efficiency gains among consumers and utility shareholders and can reduce the degree of downside risk associated with attempts at innovation



- Not later than 1 year after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section, the commission shall report and make recommendations in writing to the legislature and governor based on the result of the study conducted under this section (April 20, 2018)
- Section 6u does not limit the commission's authority to authorize performance-based regulation

Process

- The legislation spells out the perimeters of the report
- Stakeholder input is key
- There is an assumed groundwork that explores fundamentals of performance based regulation principles (theory)

Timeline

- April 20, 2017 Legislation implementation
- April 20-July 24 Initial staff research
- July 24 first stakeholder forum
- Aug 28 (planned) responses from stakeholders
- Oct 2 (planned) distribute strawman report to stakeholders for review
- Nov 1 (planned) meet with stakeholders for comments
- Nov 1-Feb 15 (planned) staff refines report
- Feb 15, (planned) share revised report draft with Commissioners
- Feb 15-March 23 (planned) staff refines report
- March 23 share revised report with Commissioners
- April 20 submit final report to Legislators and Governor