

199—35.3(476) Energy efficiency and demand response plan filing.

35.3(1) Each electric and natural gas utility shall file a five-year energy efficiency plan. Each electric utility shall file a five-year demand response plan. Combination electric and natural gas utilities may file combined assessments of potential and energy efficiency and demand response plans. Combined plans shall separately specify which energy efficiency programs and costs are attributable to the electric operation, which are attributable to the natural gas operation, and which are attributable to both. If a combination utility files separate plans, the board may consolidate the plans for purposes of review and hearing.

35.3(2) Written notice of the energy efficiency and demand response plans. No more than 62 days prior to filing its energy efficiency and demand response plans, a utility shall deliver a written notice of its plan filing to all affected customers. The notice shall be submitted to the board for approval not less than 45 days prior to the proposed notification of customers. Additional information not related to the energy efficiency and demand response plans shall be kept to a minimum and shall not distract from the required content. The form of the notice, once approved by the board, may not be altered except to include the rate and bill impact dollars and percentages. The type size and quality shall be easily legible. The notice shall, at a minimum, include the following elements:

a. A statement that the utility will be filing energy efficiency and demand response plans with the board.

b. A brief identification of the proposed energy efficiency and demand response programs, a description of benefits and savings associated with the energy efficiency and demand response plans, and the estimated annual cost of the proposed energy efficiency and demand response programs during the five-year budget time frame.

c. The estimated annual rate and bill impacts of the proposed energy efficiency and demand response plans on each class of customer, and the estimated annual jurisdictional rate impact for each major customer grouping in dollars and as a percentage, with the proposed actual increases to be filed at the time of notice to customers. The utility may represent the estimated annual rate and bill impact dollars and percentages with blank spaces; however, the board may require the utility to submit additional information necessary for review of the proposed form of notice. A copy of the notice with the final annual rate and bill impact dollars and percentages shall be filed with the board at the time of customer notification.

d. A statement that the board will be conducting a contested case proceeding to review the application and that a customer may file comments in the board's electronic filing system.

e. The telephone numbers, websites, email addresses, and mailing addresses of the utility, the board, and the consumer advocate, for the customer to contact with questions.

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