

EERMC CONSULTANT TEAM

Memorandum

To: Energy Efficiency & Resource Management Council
From: Mike Guerard, Optimal Energy
Date: November 12, 2018
Subject: Budget modification request for 2018 Scope of Work

The 2018 EERMC budget included \$614,935 for a “Core Allocation” for the Optimal Energy Consultant Team (C-Team). An additional amount of \$250,000 was also included under **Consultant Services** for “*As-needed Expert Services*” in the budget. Of that \$250k, an amount of \$120,000 was added to the Core Allocation in the approved C-Team 2018 scope of work presented in February to support additional work in the areas of Education, Financing, Innovation and 2019 Targets review; Expanded Financing options; Potential study prep; and the Rate case and Power sector transformation docket monitoring.

The remaining \$130,000 was left unallocated until a clearer sense of what other as-needed conditions would develop. We are please to report that through efficiencies and consolidation, only half of the remaining funds set aside will be needed to complete all EERMC tasks by the C-Team. The estimated up-to-\$65,000 relates to support for additional work necessarily undertaken on core activities and for still-to-be completed tasks including:

- Higher than anticipated scheduling, review and analysis of the 2019 plan due to schedule compression
- Added in multiple one-on-one meetings with individual council members post-Retreat and in support of Annual Plan review and priority setting
- Advance work in revising and enhancing the Annual Plan development and approval processes, in coordination with OER, the Division, National Grid and other stakeholders
- Additional coordination with the National Grid and the “Settlement of the Parties” stakeholders on reviewing and exploring enhancements to the Collaborative structure and process
- Supplemental activities to support the increased activities with stakeholders and the Public Utilities Commission in fully vetting and updating the Least Cost Procurement Standards, specifically the component on “cost of efficiency and cost of supply”
- Review and input into the accelerated process for vetting the Navy Combined Heat & Power project due to complete in 2020
- Participation in the working group developing the scope and Request for Proposal for the legislated “EE Study” to review the Evaluation, Measurement and Verification protocols and output of National Grid’s programs in a process being led by OER.

If you approve this budget modification, the C-Team will, as it has historically done, strive to complete all tasks with maximum efficiency. The additional \$65,000 request is presented as a not-to-exceed estimate, and any unneeded funding from that amount will be available to roll over into next year’s EERMC budget.