**BACKGROUND**

DOE, in conjunction with Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL), Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), is initiating an analytical support program for state public utility commissions. This program is designed to provide in-depth analytical support to state PUCs on distribution utility planning and regulatory, policy, programmatic, and technology assessments of distributed energy resources (DER).

Types of assistance offered and activities supported include: analysis assistance; stakeholder-convened discussions; education and training through workshops and webinars; and consultations with technical experts.

**APPLICATION**

Please include all of the below information in your TA Request and forward it to Juliet Homer at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) at juliet.homer@pnnl.gov. If you have questions, please call Juliet Homer at 509-375-2698.

**DATE OF REQUEST**

**ORGANIZATIONS REQUESTING ASSISTANCE** (Name, location, address)

**POINTS OF CONTACT**

1. Primary senior official point of contact for requesting agency (e.g., staff director or lead utility commissioner for project) - (*Name, title, phone number and email address*)
2. Primary staff points of contact for requesting agency - (*Names, titles, phone numbers and e-mail addresses*)
3. Primary contacts for other involved state agencies or stakeholders (one contact for each) - (*Names, titles, phone numbers and e-mail addresses*)

**JUSTIFICATION** (provide 2-3 paragraphs that discuss and respond to the following questions)**:**

1. What is the issue/question/task you are working on (see list of potential topic areas)?
2. What is your role in addressing that issue/question/task?
3. Who else are you working with (their roles)?
4. What challenges have you identified in your efforts that you think DOE can help address?
5. How will the technical assistance provided inform your issue/question/task?

**DESIRED OUTCOMES:** What do you hope to learn/accomplish through the requested technical assistance (e.g. a short list of desired outcomes)?

**BENEFITS/VALUE-ADDED:** How will the requested technical assistance affect your organization’s ability to achieve its objectives/goals?

**TYPE OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTED** (Choose all that apply)**:**

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|  | Consultation |
|  | Presentation(s) |
|  | Support for workshops, collaboratives (e.g., stakeholder-convened, technical expert participation) |
|  | Technical review of proposed commission policies, guidelines or legislation |
|  | General information/education to inform the development of rules, regulations, or guidelines |
|  | Uncertain about what type of assistance is required |
|  | Other (Specify): |  |

**NATIONAL LABORATORY COORDINATION OR REQUEST** (Optional)

Please indicate whether you have been developing this project with one or more national laboratory representatives and/or if you are requesting support specifically from a national laboratory staff member or department.