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Are you commenting on a straw proposal?

Yes

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Intervenor Grant Fund

Comment/Question

Thank you for providing these opportunities for feedback on the Straw Proposals. I respectfully suggest that the best way to publicize that intervenor funding will be available is during the prefiling engagement process, at least as it relates to groups of individuals who will be impacted by a given project. That could be in the form of requiring any project website include a link to the DPP website on intervenor funding -- with a plain language application and checklist for interested persons.

Similarly, a group of individuals who will be impacted by a project may not be able to retain attorneys and experts before applying to the program. For any maximum amounts of grant awards that can be provided upfront, I would suggest providing a high threshold for groups of individuals specifically and substantially affected by a proceeding. It may also help to solicit feedback from any stakeholders who may reach out to DPP but ultimately opt not to apply for the intervenor grant program, to see if there were other unanticipated barriers to participation or applying.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Best, Danielle