# REGULATORY PROCESS INNOVATION

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### REGULATORY PROCESS

- At the heart.... Decision Making
  - I. Define the Problem/Situation:
    - Rate Design: Cost Causation vs. Projected Revenue
    - Resource Planning: Forecasted Load vs. Available Resources
  - 2. Establish Desired Outcomes:
    - Rate Design: Behavioral Impacts; System Optimization; Targeted Protections ...
    - Resource Planning: GHG; EcoDevo/Jobs; Asset Ownership; Cust. Choice; Bill Impact ...
  - 3. Identify Options
  - 4. Evaluate Relative to Desired Outcomes: "Co-Optimization"

# CONCEPT: PROCEEDINGS AS CO-OPTIMIZATION EXERCISES

Example: (CO PUC) Electric Resource Planning/Clean Energy Planning

Situation >> Objectives >> Priorities >> Quantify/Qualify >> Model >> Select

Objectives/ (I) Priorities:	(3)	(2)	(4)	(4)
GHG Reduction	Eco/Devo Impact	Net Bill Impact	Customer Choice	Net Labor Impact
GHG %; '05 base (Quant.)	Tax base; jobs; + (Quant/Qual)	Portfolio NPVRR; (Quant.)	CSG; DG (Quant.)	BVEM*; union? (Qual.)

### CO-OPTIMIZATION OF RESOURCE PORTFOLIOS

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	80% < 2005	Studies	Cost	CSG/DG	Commits
I	Meets	State up; Few locals down	\$350M	50MW/10MW	Union/Non-
2	Meets	State up; Some locals down	\$365M	55MW/12MW	Union
3	Exceeds	State up; Key locals down	\$385M	35MW/8MW	Retire plants; non-union

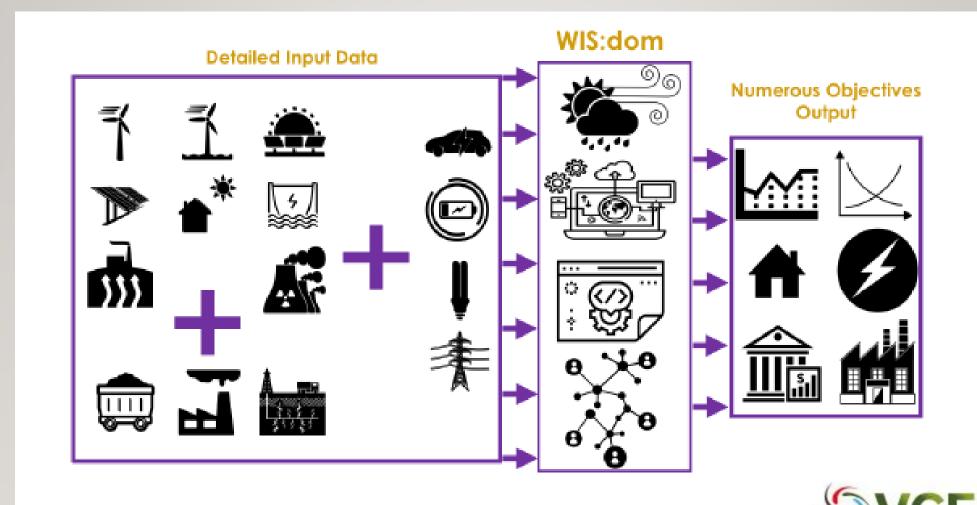
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- I. Do quantitative and qualitative belong together?
  - Qualitative = Policy Objectives/Priorities
  - Use Policy Objectives as Threshold Criteria?
  - Or as "tie-breakers?"

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- 2. More fundamentally, are we focusing planning too narrowly?
  - CO PUC Planning:
    - Electric Resource Planning
    - Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Planning
    - DSM Strategic Issues
    - Transportation Electrification
    - Distribution System Planning (starting in 2022)
    - Transmission Plan (filings)
    - Beneficial Electrification (forthcoming)
    - Natural Gas Resource Planning (anticipated)
  - Fewer, larger planning proceedings?

#### **CO-OPTIMIZATION FOR RELIABLE, ROBUST, AND RESILIENT GRID**



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