

Equity Docket Fact Sheet



Background

In 2023, Commissioners and staff at UTC began implementing a multi-year plan to help address energy justice and integrate equity work throughout commission procedures.

The equity docket provides resources for regulated energy companies to help them create equity action plans and increase collaboration with impacted communities throughout processes. Through this work, regulated companies will assist in developing guidance for creating equitable solutions for customers and communities.

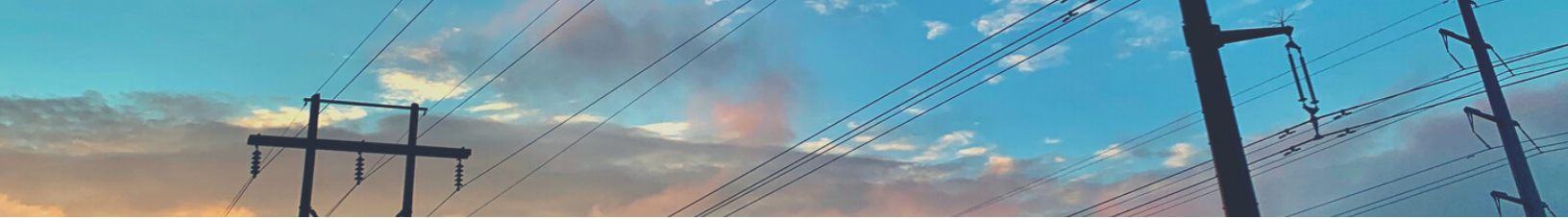
The project includes four phases to explore distributional, procedural, recognition and restorative justice and is scheduled to finish in 2025. The first phase explores procedural justice. During this phase, staff and interested parties will focus on analyzing decision-making processes to help ensure that proceedings are fair and inclusive for participants.

Final products will include a UTC equity policy statement and action plans. The outcomes of the equity docket work and the policy statement will be applied and adapted to other regulated industries in the future.

View [Docket A-230217](#)

Key Terms

- **Docket:** a log containing the complete history of each case or project in the form of brief chronological summaries. Documents filed in a case or project. Also assigned an identifying number and can be found on the Commission's website.
- **Energy Justice:** ensuring that individuals have access to energy that is affordable, safe, sustainable, and affords them the ability to sustain a decent lifestyle.
- **Equality:** everyone receives the same treatment without accounting for differing needs or circumstances, which leads to or upholds inequitable outcomes.



Key Terms

- **Equity:** the act of developing, strengthening, and supporting procedural and outcome fairness in systems, procedures, and resource distribution mechanisms to create equitable (not equal) opportunity for all people. Equity focuses on eliminating barriers that have prevented the full participation of historically and currently oppressed groups.
- **Distributional Justice:** the distribution of benefits and burdens across populations. This objective aims to ensure that marginalized and vulnerable populations do not receive an inordinate share of the burdens or are denied access to benefits.
- **Participatory Funding:** A program where those representing energy utility customers can receive funding to participate in UTC proceedings.
 - learn more about [participatory funding](#)
- **Procedural Justice:** inclusive decision-making processes that seek to ensure that proceedings are fair, equitable, and inclusive for participants, recognizing that marginalized and vulnerable populations have been historically excluded from decision-making processes.
- **Rates:** also referred to as charges, the cost of service charged to consumers for a specific service or usage.
- **Recognition Justice:** requires an understanding of historic and ongoing inequalities and prescribes efforts that seek to reconcile these inequalities.
- **Restorative Justice:** using regulatory government organizations or other interventions to disrupt and address distributional, recognition, or procedural injustices and to correct them through laws, rules, policies, orders, and practices.
- **Tariff:** a utility's schedule of rates or charges. Utilities must submit tariff changes to the UTC for approval before charging customers.

How decisions are made at the UTC

- **Commissioners:** The UTC has three commissioners that are appointed by the governor. The commissioners are tasked with presiding over cases and making decisions related to regulated companies.
- **Quasi-judicial agency:** The three-member Commission often functions similar to judges in a court and holds hearings to decide contested decisions.
 - Commissioners make decisions about regulated companies' ability to:
 - Increase company revenue,
 - Build or invest in new infrastructure,
 - Change service policies,
 - Address safety concerns, and
 - Address reliability issues.



How decisions are made at the UTC (continued)

- **Executive Director:** The Executive Director is responsible for making major agency decisions, managing overall operations, and setting the agency's strategic direction.
- **Leadership Team:** Members of the leadership team are tasked with leading their respective divisions and make decisions related to internal procedures, division of labor, and daily work.

Resources:

- [UTC 101 Part A](#)
- [UTC 101 Part B](#)

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