

RCW 80.28.470 Thermal energy network pilot project—Request for proposals. (1) Prior to deploying a thermal energy network pilot project, an investor-owned gas company must issue a request for proposals for a thermal energy network pilot project. When reviewing the proposals, the investor-owned gas company must compare the cost of deployment of a proposed thermal energy network pilot project to the lowest reasonable cost alternative resource for heating services under the gas company's current business practices. This cost comparison must be shared with the commission and considered in calculating grant award amounts as determined pursuant to RCW 43.31.033(4).

(2) An investor-owned gas company may petition the commission to use an alternative process from the process described in subsection (1) of this section to estimate the cost to deploy a thermal energy network pilot project. The commission must review such a petition and then accept, deny, or accept with modifications such an alternative process. [2024 c 348 s 5.]