

# PacifiCorp Equity Advisory Group (EAG)

## EAG Meeting #7 Notes

Wednesday November 17, 2021, 1-4pm Pacific Time

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### Executive Summary

EAG Meeting #7—previously referred to as EAG Meeting #6B—focused on reviewing the components of the draft Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) PacifiCorp published on November 1. Approximately 35 individuals attended, including 8 EAG members (out of 12 total EAG members). Members of the public included local citizens, advocates, and regulatory staff.

The first half of the meeting focused on highlighting content in PacifiCorp's draft CEIP, including chapters on interim and specific targets, customer benefit indicators (CBIs) and metrics with baselines, specific actions, and the incremental cost of CETA compliance. Following each presentation, the EAG was invited to ask questions and reflect individually on the content.

The EAG participated in an activity for the second half of the meeting. Each EAG member shared two ideas or actions that could have a significant impact in their communities. These were documented and each EAG member selected three ideas or actions from the aggregated list that they thought could provide the greatest impact on equity in their communities.

Finally, all attendees were provided information on how to provide comments on the draft CEIP, both to PacifiCorp directly or through submitting a comment to the Washington's Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC).

Responses to questions and comments that did not get addressed during Meeting #7 or where PacifiCorp felt that greater detail was needed are included in this document in purple text.

### Session Objectives

- Explore components of PacifiCorp's November 1 Draft Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP)
- Receive feedback from the EAG on the Draft CEIP, especially on issues of equity

Slides in English are available [here](#). The Spanish section of this [website](#) will have the Spanish slides.

### Opening (1:05pm)

PacifiCorp welcomed attendees, shared meeting opening remarks, and thanked the EAG for their support throughout the process and their contributions to the Draft CEIP. Meeting objectives, the agenda, and updates were also shared.

## EAG Member Check-In (1:10pm)

EAG members checked in by sharing why they were excited to participate in the meeting. Themes included anticipation of seeing the result of their work over the year, comparing progress from the beginning of the process to now, and understanding what PacifiCorp is committing to.

Equity Advisory Group member	Organization
Angélica Reyes	La Casa Hogar
Erendira Cruz	Sustainable Living Center (SLC)
Kaila Lockbeam	Perry Technical Institute (Perry Tech)
Jonathan Smith	Yakima County Development Association (YCDA)
Laura Armstrong	Independent representative (former employee of La Casa Hogar)
Noemi Ortiz	Northwest Community Action Center (NCAC) ( <i>early departure</i> )
Norman Thiel	SonBridge
Paul Tabayoyon	Asian Pacific Islander Coalition (APIC)
Not in attendance	
Nathan Johnson	Yakima Health District
Isidra Sanchez	Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC)
Raymond Wiseman	Yakama Power
Sylvia Schaefer	Blue Mountain Action Council (BMAC)

## November 1 Draft CEIP Overview (1:15 pm)

PacifiCorp presented an overview of the draft CEIP, including the required content and structure of the document. They described the process of incorporating comments and submitting the final CEIP by January 1, 2022.

EAG clarifying questions on this section included:

- Q: Does PacifiCorp sell wholesale electricity in Washington?
  - A: PacifiCorp does not have wholesale customers in Washington.

## Specific and Interim Targets (1:25 pm)

PacifiCorp provided an overview of Chapter 1 on the specific and interim targets. These targets were proposed to comply with CETA requirements. These results incorporate modeling of supply-side resources in the 2021 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) and modeling of demand-side resources, including targets set in the Biennial Conservation Plan.

An EAG member asked a clarifying question:

- Q: Are Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emitting resources being allocated to non-Washington customers in order to reach interim targets?
  - A: PacifiCorp optimizes its portfolio of generating resources across its six-state system as a whole and the allocation methodology is such that some of PacifiCorp's non-Washington customers may be allocated emitting resources. In some cases, early

retirement of system emitting resources might occur, but not necessarily due to CETA requirements.

Public observers asked two clarifying questions:

- Q: What accounts for the big jumps in the percentage of clean energy in PacifiCorp's portfolio in 2024-2025 and 2029-2030?
  - A: Washington is exiting all coal systems in 2025, so the capacity of other renewable resources will come online to replace this demand. In 2030, modeling indicated a small shortfall in renewable and non-emitting resources to meet CETA's 2030 Specific Target, and as a result PacifiCorp is procuring new Washington-sited renewable resources.
- Q: Why in the interim targets does the percentage of renewable energy drop slightly in 2036?
  - A: These targets are indicative and won't necessarily reflect the exact percentages in any given year. The targets are the result of aggregating all hours in each year (to get total megawatt-hours (MWh)), and they can change due to the assumptions of asset performance and other impacts, like weather assumptions.

## CBIs and Metrics (1:35 pm)

PacifiCorp provided an overview of Chapter 2 on CBIs and metrics. These metrics were designed to support the equitable allocation of benefits to all Washington customers and some focus on named communities. PacifiCorp shared baseline metrics relevant to the EAG, including data on named communities and energy burden.

EAG members asked two clarifying questions:

- Q: Does the overall percentage of customers experiencing energy burden (24.4%) represent all customers including those who are not in named communities?
  - A: Yes, that is the average for all customers. The highly impacted communities (HICs) percentage includes vulnerable populations located in those census tracts.
- Q: Can PacifiCorp give an indication of the absolute number of customers that are considered energy-burdened?
  - A: Yes, that data is available in Table 2.17 on Page 43 of the draft CEIP.

## Specific Utility Actions (1:50 pm)

PacifiCorp provided an overview of Chapter 3 on specific utility actions. These are PacifiCorp's planned actions to meet the interim and specific targets in Chapter 1. PacifiCorp then went on to discuss the components of each of the four categories of actions: supply-side resources, energy efficiency, demand response, and community outreach and engagement actions.

An EAG member asked one clarifying question:

- Q: Are gas to electric appliance conversions incentivized in the low-income weatherization program?
  - A: Currently, in 2021, there are no incentives for gas to electric appliance conversions. Efficient electric heat has to be installed in a home with an existing operable electric heating system. Starting in 2022, PacifiCorp has proposed to expand the program to

convert solid fuel, propane, and oil to electric. Additionally, the proposal provides for gas to electric conversion when the existing system presents a health hazard to the customer. The proposed gas to electric conversion only applies to homes with gas systems that have inadequate combustion air as determined by the agencies that delivers weatherization services.

## Incremental Cost (2:10 pm)

PacifiCorp provided an overview of Chapter 4 on the incremental costs to PacifiCorp for complying with CETA. The presentation included modeled and non-modeled costs, summing to approximately \$5.6 million.

An EAG member asked one clarifying question:

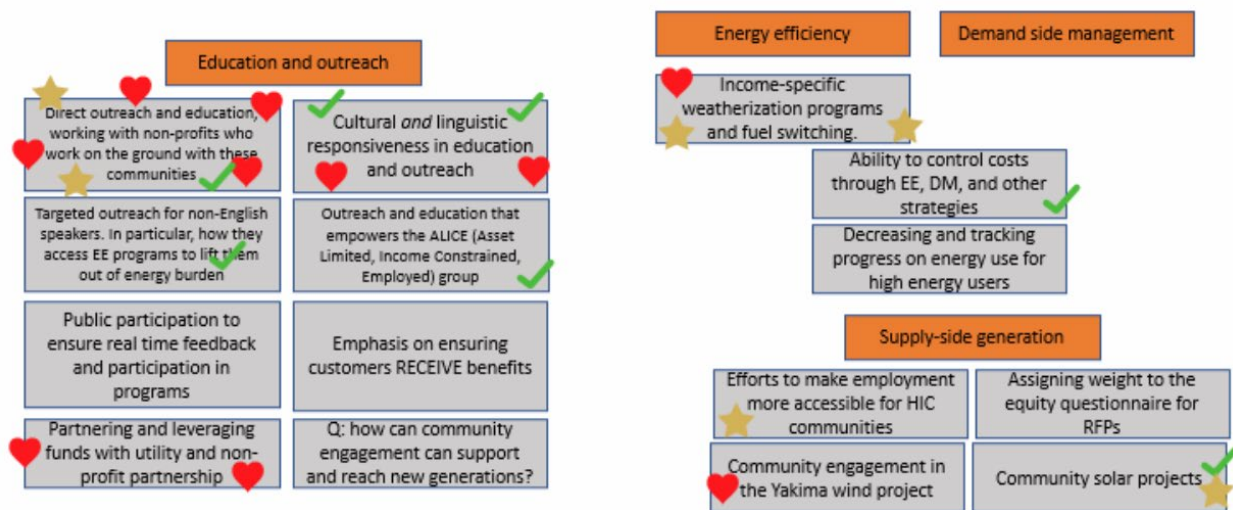
- Q: How does the \$5.6 million in incremental costs factor into the overall costs?
  - A: The overall costs and revenues are in Table 4.4. on page 70 of the draft CEIP.

## Break (2:20 pm)

## EAG Activity (2:30 pm)

Following the break, the EAG was invited to independently journal and reflect on this prompt: What ideas or actions within the scope of the CEIP will have the most impact on equity outcomes within your community?

Each EAG member shared two ideas or actions, the ideas were aggregated and categorized, and then each EAG member voted on three of the most important ideas or actions. The results of this activity are in the image below.



## Public Comment (3:20 pm)

Following the activity, the public was invited to provide comments or ask questions:

- Q: Do the Community Outreach and Education actions outlined in the CEIP factor into the incremental cost calculations?
  - A: As a result of the CEIP development process, especially feedback from the EAG, PacifiCorp is taking steps to modify or expand its community outreach and engagement actions. Incremental cost calculations in the CEIP include cost estimates for public outreach, EAG meeting facilitation, and translation services.
- Q: Does PacifiCorp plan any programs to lower barriers for customer-sited rooftop solar and storage?
  - A: There are no specific actions in the CEIP related to customer-sited generation. PacifiCorp is considering projects such as co-locating storage with customers.
- Q: Does PacifiCorp have programs focusing specifically on electric vehicles (EVs)?
  - A: The draft CEIP includes a proposal for an EV program targeted at transportation electrification in named communities.
- Q: Is the EV program within the draft CEIP intended to be an incremental cost as defined by CETA?
  - A: The portion of PacifiCorp’s programs that focus specifically on the expansion to named communities is considered an incremental cost in the draft CEIP.

## EAG Discussion (3:20 pm)

The EAG was invited to reflect on the results of the activity, with an option to respond to these prompts:

- What do you notice about these responses?
- Is anything missing that you want to share?
- Did anything surprise you?

EAG member reflections included:

- The results are not surprising given the EAG members’ consistent feedback. Outreach and access to the community are paramount.
- It’s important for the EAG to understand if these actions were going to be pursued independently of CETA or not. The EAG members have converged on a few specific actions that they believe will have the most impact on equity in the community. If PacifiCorp planned on pursuing those ideas regardless, other actions might deserve more focus.
  - PacifiCorp clarified that many of these actions were chosen as a direct result of EAG’s feedback. The voting exercise was for discussion purposes and will not exclude any actions.
- It feels as if the near-low-income/Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) members of the community get lost in the draft CEIP. Avoid creating a “missing middle.”
- It would be helpful if PacifiCorp was more specific on their actions.
- PacifiCorp will need to work closer with community partners and organizations to credibly engage with communities and ensure fuller participation.
- The EAG expressed appreciation to PacifiCorp for providing a space to hear from the EAG and hopes it provides a precedent for the future.

## Next Steps & Closing Comments (3:55 pm)

Attendees were reminded that meeting materials and notes are posted to the website, and that EAG Meeting #8 is on January 19, 2022, from 1-4pm PT. Feedback can be shared at [ceip@pacificorp.com](mailto:ceip@pacificorp.com) and through [this survey](#), which is open to EAG members and the public. Additionally, attendees were asked to provide feedback on the draft CEIP by December 3.

The EAG checked out by sharing how they were feeling; responses included hopeful, curious, and pensive. PacifiCorp thanked the EAG for all their efforts and contributes to the draft CEIP, expressing that they are looking forward to continuing this progress in 2022.