



Pacific Power Community Benefits & Impacts Advisory Group CBIAG (Community Benefits and Impacts Advisory Group) Public Notes

Energy Efficiency, Energy Assistance Programs, & Community Based Renewable Energy Grant Pilot
Thursday, September 21, 2023, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Pacific Time

E Source, PacifiCorp's meeting facilitation partner, synthesized and summarized these notes.

Executive Summary

September's CBIAG public meeting was conducted via Zoom on September 21, 2023, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. PDT. Seven CBIAG members, representing seven organizations, and five members of the public participated in the meeting. The meeting focused on validating the charter, an introduction to small-scale renewables, and CBI process update and group activity.

Meeting Objectives

- Following up on Community Benefit Indicators and discussion around possible actions
- Deepening our understanding of Small-Scale Renewables to allow for further input and help distinguish the different type of resources
- Review of the Charter Draft

Agenda

TIMING	TOPIC
1:00 p.m.	Presenters, Purpose & Objectives Check In
1:10 p.m.	Closing the Loop from Last Meeting
1:20 p.m.	Validating the Charter
1:45 p.m.	Introduction to Small Scale Renewables
2:30 p.m.	Break
2:40 p.m.	CBI Process Updates & Group Exercise
3:45 p.m.	Public Comment
3:55 p.m.	Summary and Next Steps

Attendees

CBIAG Attendees

Britt Conroy	Rural Development Initiatives (RDI)
Jennifer Gustafson	AllCare Health
Erica Ledesma	Coalicion Fortaleza
Tim Lynch	Multnomah County
Shaun Pritchard	United Community Action Network
Xitlali Torres	Verde
Sherrie Villmark	Community Energy Project

Presenters

Heather Eberhardt	Senior Commercial Services Power Marketer
Lee Elder	Load Forecasting Manager
Laura James	Senior Project Manager, Customer Solutions
Paul Johnson	Resource & Commercial Strategy
Christina Medina	Stakeholder Policy & Engagement Manager
Morgan Westberry	E Source Facilitator

Public Attendees

Karen Chase	Energy Trust of Oregon
Jeni Hall	Energy Trust of Oregon
Violet Paxton	Portland General Electric
Alma Pinto	Community Energy Project
Claire Valentine-Fossum	Public Utility Commission of Oregon

PacifiCorp Attendees

Randy Baker	Director, Resource Planning
Elaine Biggs	Mid Office Risk Specialist
Thomas Burns	VP of Resource Planning & Acquisitions
Melanie Cunningham	Power Marketer
Amy Kort	Senior Communications Representative
Aivars Meldrajs	Planning/Financial Analysis Manager
Mark Paul	Planning/ Financial Analysis Manager
Erin Rudolph	Senior Planning Financial Analyst Specialist
John Rush	Distribution System Planning Manager
Peter Schaffer	Senior Planning Manager, Customer Solutions
Ron Scheirer	Director, Valuation & Commercial Business
Jim Schroeder	Senior Power Originator
Kimberly Alejandro	Equity Analyst

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Meeting Notes

Introduction

Pacific Power's Christina Medina welcomed the attendees, thanked the members for joining, and encouraged participants to share their perspectives in the meeting, or by following up with her afterward.

E Source's Morgan Westberry provided housekeeping items, provided an overview of the agenda and objectives, introduced the presenters, and encouraged participation by members.

Check In

All CBIAG members "checked-in" by responding to the prompt: *How do you celebrate the change of summer to fall?* The group shared their favorite ways to celebrate and reconnect to the seasons over the diverse activities represented by the different CBIAG members.

Closing the Loop from the Last Meeting

E Source's Morgan Westberry shared a high-level overview of the virtual August CBIAG meeting and summarized the themes and questions resulting therefrom.

Reflecting on the August Meeting

Seven CBIAG members representing seven organizations participated, with four members joining on site.

CBIAG Attendees	
Jennifer Gustafson	AllCare Health
Jennifer Groth	Rural Development Initiatives (RDI)
Patrice Hanlon	Josephine County Food Bank
Erica Ledesma	Coalicion Fortaleza
Tim Lynch	Multnomah County
Shaun Pritchard	United Community Action Network
Sherrie Villmark	Community Energy Project

Our goals:

1. Learning about AllCare Health through a regional spotlight
2. Following up on input received and how it was used to build the Community Based Renewable Energy Grant Proposal
3. Deepening our understanding of Energy Assistance Programs offered, energy efficiency and demand response, CBI development, and providing an update to DSP activities

Main themes:

- An introduction to the Oregon Department of Energy and equity in a clean energy future
- An update on the approach for designing utility and community resiliency
- A refresher on community based renewable energy, Clean Energy Plan's core commitments, straw proposal, and expanding feedback channels
- Small scale renewable procurement, the broad planning horizon, and what is being proposed to accomplish over an extended period

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Main themes of the meeting included:

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Validating the Charter

E Source's Morgan Westberry provided a quick spotlight of the draft charter with a note that this is a great first draft, but it is by no means complete. To maintain psychological safety and honor the groups involved, the facilitator role drafted this charter. Feedback from members is important and will be iterative as feedback is provided. As edits are made, this will continue to be shared with this group.

Pacific Power's Christina Medina added that it is important to acknowledge that the charter is a living document. The hope is that this group will feel comfortable with us potentially publishing the charter online, as it will be a significant piece added to the biennial of next year.

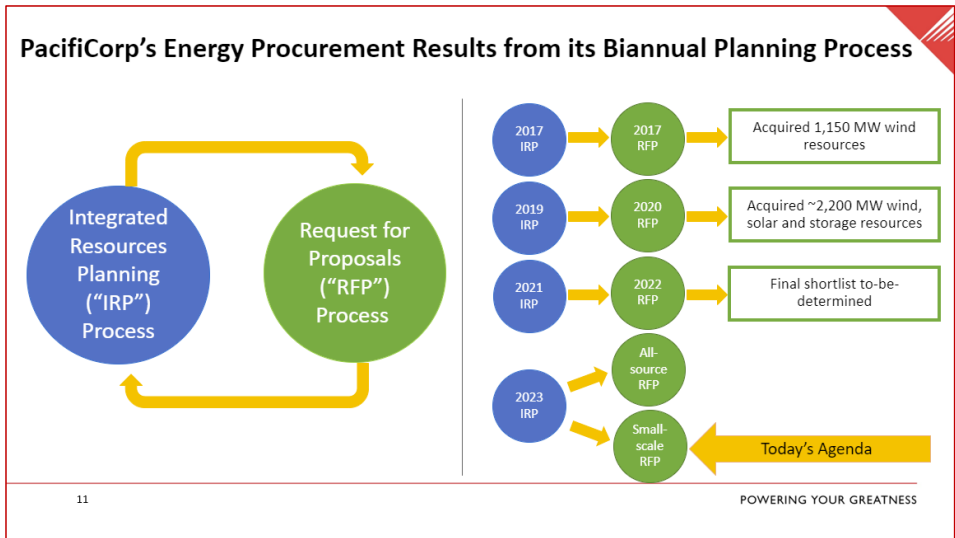
Discussion:

Any points of feedback or questions that the members would like to raise now?

- Community Energy Project said that operationally, it would be great to share in an editable format where people can make comments; a way to add feedback and accessibility.
 - E Source responded that the best channel will be shared with the group to foster this request.
- Multnomah County asked if there is a formal feedback discussion or process for bringing this to a final state?
 - Pacific Power responded that one of the key items for October, as the CBIAG celebrates one year, is on collected feedback. Pacific Power is dedicated to adapting a format to hopefully make it more interactive by the October session.

Introduction of Small-Scale Renewables (SSRs)

Pacific Power's Heather Eberhardt kicked off the introduction of Small-Scale Renewables (SSRs). Every two years Pacific Power engages in a planning process where the company looks at how customer energy use is growing and what the best long-term solutions for meeting customer demand. At the conclusion of that process, Pacific Power goes to market and issues a request for proposal (RFP). Market participants will bid for their best projects, and Pacific Power will contract with them for the energy over long-term contracts of 20 years. This shows the cyclical nature of that planning process.



Small-scale Renewables, as they are addressed in HB2021, Section 37, are resources or projects that are 20 MW or less. Under the law, the requirement is that 10 percent of the company's generation portfolio for Oregon must be SSRs. HB2021 defines eligible small-scale renewables as energy projects with a generating capacity of 20 MW or less that generate electricity utilizing a type of energy described in ORS 469A.025, or facilities that generate electricity using biomass that also generate thermal energy for a secondary purpose. Pacific Power will need to procure 490 MW by 2030.

Questions and Comments:

- AllCare Health asked what Pacific Power's current production is?
 - **Pacific Power responded that this question will be followed up with an answer in the posted public notes.**

Pacific Power's Paul Johnson continued to define Small-Scale Renewables in connection and in comparison, to Community-Based Renewable Energy. Community-Based Renewables may qualify as Small-Scale Renewables if they meet the SSR requirement. Pacific Power's obligation to meet 10% of its generating capacity with smaller renewable energy projects means that there are a lot of new projects that need to be developed, contracted, and built before the end of the decade.

What are small-scale renewables?

	Community-based Renewable Energy	Small-scale Renewable Energy Projects
Approach	Program	Product (quantity of energy from project)
Size	Not limited by size	20 megawatts or smaller
Location	Oregon	PacifiCorp's six state system
Type of technology	One or more renewable energy systems with microgrids, storage systems or demand response measures, or energy-related infrastructure that promotes climate resiliency or other such measures	Eligible technologies defined by law (ORS 469A.025); does not include energy storage projects
Interconnection	Interconnect to utility distribution or transmission assets. May also reside "behind" customer's side of meter	Interconnect to utility distribution or transmission assets. Not "behind-the-meter"
Audience	Provide direct benefit to a single or group of customers; be owned by a local government, non-profit or tribe; or results in increased resiliency, community stability, local jobs, economic development or direct energy cost savings to families and small businesses	Small-scale energy generated on behalf of all Pacific Power Oregon customers
Requirement	Utility required to study as part of Clean Energy Plan; grant/funding opportunities available	Amount of project capacity required by law

Community-based renewables may qualify as small-scale renewables if they meet the small-scale requirement

Questions and Comments:

- Community Energy Project raised a hand to interconnection being a massive challenge. There is concern about the problems presented by interconnection.
 - Pacific Power responded acknowledging that the interconnection process can be challenging and confirmed that it is a regulated process. There is a group at Pacific Power called PacifiCorp Transmission who administer an annual interconnection cluster study process and interested parties can reach out to them with questions. There is a slide a little later in this section that will point customers in the right direction to get the process started and steer people in the right direction for resources.
- Community Energy Project wonders now if this is a place where Pacific Power will be considering providing technical advice to less savvy folks. Thinking about accessibility in a much broader sense.
 - Pacific Power responded that this will hopefully be addressed in a later slide. What provides a challenge is that Pacific Power, as an entity, is in a difficult position because these are rules that Pacific Power is subject to, not rules determined by Pacific Power. Especially when going out for an RFP, Pacific Power is supposed to treat all bidders fairly.
- Multnomah County asked if you could use small-scale procurement to drive community based renewable projects?
 - Pacific Power responded that the focus should be in finding those resources where you can get the grants. When thinking about the procurement process, Pacific Power is concentrating on a fair process that does the best for Oregon customers in meeting this very large requirement to buy electricity. There is room for everyone under this procurement process.
- Multnomah County asked how you set a baseline within the procurement?

- Pacific Power responded that this will be addressed in a later slide and are hoping that this will prompt the next level of questions.

Pacific Power is currently in the public input step of the small-scale renewable procurement timeline. The CEP engagement series has been an important step in soliciting feedback from stakeholders on the small-scale renewable procurement plans. Pacific Power's RFP issuance timeline is shifting out 3-6 months to release the RFP to the market in the first half of 2024 before the closing of the PacifiCorp Transmission's 4th interconnection cluster study window. In 2025 Pacific Power expects to have the final shortlist complete contracting so that the small-scale projects can complete development and construction, and go commercial operation, before the end of 2028.

Questions and Comments:

- [Public Attendee, Public Utility Commission of Oregon] asked if this is both RFPs, all source and small-scale?
 - Pacific Power responded that this is just small-scale.

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Small-Scale Contracts

- Pacific Power is developing a standard form power purchase agreement (PPA) contract for small-scale renewable resources

Small-Scale RFP Eligibility

- 3 MW minimum size to ensure Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) eligibility
- Bids which can be online by December 31, 2028
- PPA bids only; no bids for utility ownership, such as a build-transfer agreement
- Completed site control and interconnection study will be required
- Collocation/proximity rules based on PURPA (FERC order 872)
- On-system bids may be located throughout PacifiCorp's service territories; no off-system bids

Other/Oversight

- Bid fees will be required
- Pacific Power plans to accept benchmark bids and hire an independent evaluator

There are equity considerations involved in small-scale renewable procurement. For projects located in Oregon which are greater than 10 MW, they are required to file a labor attestation with the Oregon Department of Energy. Developers may waive the attestation requirement by signing a project labor agreement (PLA). Interested parties to develop and bid should visit this website: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/energy-oregon/Pages/LSEP-Labor-Standards.aspx>

Questions and Comments:

- Multnomah County asked if you could apply this to smaller-scale projects?
 - Pacific Power responded that this topic will be covered in October, talking about valuation, and scoring for the RFP process. This is under consideration. Municipal government could certainly do these things, but it would be a considerable burden.

Looking forward to the next steps, Pacific Power will present at the next Clean Energy Plan Engagement series meeting on October 27, 2023. The Small-Scale RFP team will cover the topics of any calendar updates, a review of minimum criteria to provide a bid, key standard contract provisions, and the valuation methodology for purposes of seeking to select bids for completing associated agreements. Additionally, the team will present at the next Oregon Community Benefits and Impacts Advisory Group engagement series on October 19, 2023.

For smaller and new developers looking to offer Pacific Power small-scale renewable projects, Pacific Power offers up the following resources:

Small-Scale Procurement - Participant Resources

Resources for Interested Participants

- Individuals or organizations offering projects or facilities ("resources") 3 MW and smaller may pursue QF contracts by following the following tariff steps found at Pacific Power's QF website:
<https://www.pacificpower.net/savings-energy-choices/customer-generation/qualifying-facilities.html>
- Developers looking to present their 3-20 MW projects to the utility as an asset sale may contact: benchmark@pacificcorp.com
- For resources greater than 3 MW, additional development and construction resources may be available via the following Oregon organizations:
 - Energy Trust of Oregon
[Renewable Energy - Energy Trust of Oregon](https://www.energytrust.org/renewable-energy/)
<https://www.energytrust.org/renewable-energy/>
[Find a Trade Ally Contractor - Energy Trust of Oregon](https://www.energytrust.org/find-a-contractor/)
<https://www.energytrust.org/find-a-contractor/>
 - Solar Oregon
[Solar Oregon | Connecting Oregonians to Solar Information and Services](https://solaroregon.org/)
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Small-scale "SSR" RFP Notification

At the time the SSR RFP is issued, PacifiCorp will take the following three steps:

- Notify PacifiCorp's RFP stakeholder list.
To be added to PacifiCorp's RFP stakeholder list, please send an email to one of the following email addresses:
QF Requests QFRequests.SharedMailbox@pacificcorp.com
2022AS_RFP 2022AS_RFP@PacifiCorp.com
- Create an "SSR RFP" website.
A small-scale renewable information website will be added to PacifiCorp's Request for Proposals website here:
[Energy Supply Request for Proposals \(pacificcorp.com\)https://www.pacificcorp.com/suppliers/rfps.html](https://www.pacificcorp.com/suppliers/rfps.html)
- Host a Bidder Workshop.
PacifiCorp will provide notice of the workshop date and how to participate. This information will be sent to the CEP stakeholder group, the RFP stakeholder list, and to the small-scale renewable website.

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Chat Questions and Comments:

- Public Attendee, Energy Trust of Oregon asked, "Someone mentioned ocean/wave energy earlier. Can you go into more detail about how this technology might figure into one or more of these processes?"
 - Pacific Power responded that it is a complex technology. The type of resource needs to comply with HB2021, Section 37, as well as demonstrate it can come online by the date specified in the Small-Scale Renewables RFP, we plan to issue in 2024.

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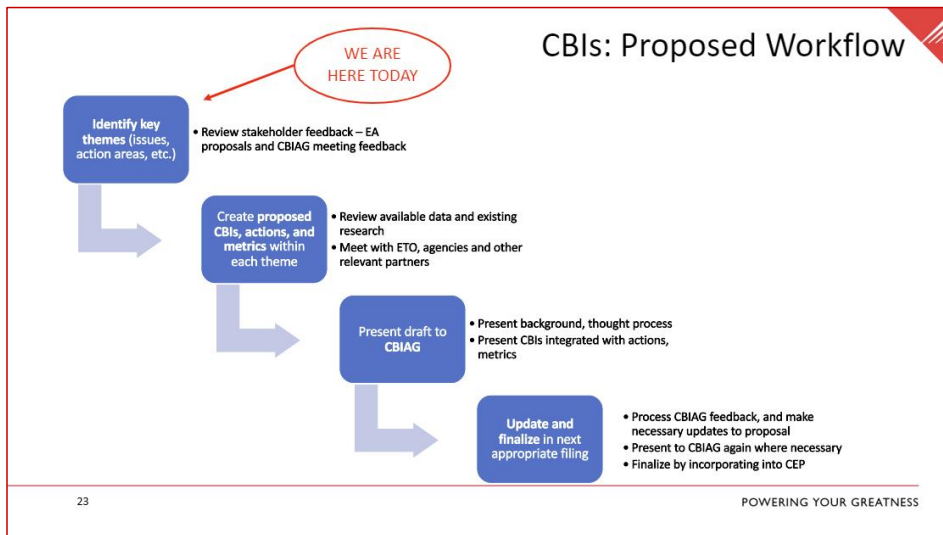
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BREAK

Community Benefit Indicators (CBIs) and Activity

Pacific Power's Laura James continued the discussion of the process talked about at the August engagement meeting. Pacific Power has been planning to embark on a process with this group of

stakeholders to build out the interim community benefit indicator (CBI) framework that was in the initial Clean Energy Plan (CEP) filing in May 2023. Envisioning this process will take a few months to work through, today this group will start with the first block, identifying key themes.



Once key themes have been identified, they will be used as a guide to build out the specific CBIs, holistically with actions and specifics. The goal is to work with this group to develop a list of expanded CBIs to include in the next filing.

The initial filing of the CEP started from a set of five topics identified by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC). Pacific Power was reacting to those five topics and created CBIs in relation to those. This was a great first step, and now Pacific Power is looking to develop this further to ensure all areas are covered. This will direct the rest of the activity to build out the CBI framework, which in turn will help influence the larger CEP. Pacific Power is seeking input from this group on community and equity related issues that should be focused on.

An email was sent out to CBIAG members prior to today’s engagement containing a pre-read packet in preparation of the activity. In the packet was an excerpt from an order called Order 22-390, issued by the PUC, as well as the interim CBIs and metrics from the filing in May 2023.

Interim CBIs and Metrics

Interim CBIs and Metrics (May 2023)

Topic	CBI	Metrics
Resilience	Improve Resiliency of Vulnerable Communities During Energy Outages	SAIDI, SAIFI, and CAIDI scores at area level, including major events
	Reduce Frequency and Duration of Energy Outages.	Energy Not Served (ENS) for IRP portfolios are included as an output from portfolio development
Community Health and Wellbeing	Decrease Residential Disconnections	Number of residential disconnections by census tract
Environment	Increase Energy from Non-emitting Resources and Reduce CO2e Emissions	Oregon CO2e emissions
		Oregon allocated renewables
Energy Equity	Decrease proportion of Households Experiencing High Energy Burden	Energy burden by census tract, and for low-income customers, bill assistance participants and Tribal members
Economic	Increase Community-Focused Efforts and Investments	Headcount of DSM program delivery staff & grants
		Public charging stations
		Pre-apprenticeship program participation
		Resource development workforce and spend

"PacifiCorp considers its CBIs and metrics as interim, meaning they will adapt over time. The continued development and refinement of PacifiCorp's CBIs will leverage continued stakeholder engagement and input."

- 2023 PacifiCorp CEP

The CBIAG members went into a Zoom breakout room with an E Source facilitator to identify environmental justice community groups and specific challenges faced by those groups. Upon completion of the breakout group, the members provided a read out of breakout group results. Next, all attendees participated in a follow-up discussion, and answered these two questions:

1. How might the clean energy transition and energy programs help these challenges?
2. How might the clean energy transition and energy programs complicate these challenges?

How might the clean energy transition and energy programs impact these challenges?

Step 3: Group Discussion

Ways they could HELP

- Positive Impact on wildfires (decreasing wildfire propensity)
- Power Outages & Reliability
- Resilience
- Financial Security (low income and near low income; young families; youth transitioning to adulthood) -
- Potentially impacts tribes owning their energy

Ways they could COMPLICATE

- Rates- more expensive now
- Regulations; Rules; and Systems could complicate at the individual level
- Communities will be challenged in transitions if needs are NOT centered on attention to system changes and issues (broadly; ex: electrification of transportation)
- Consideration 4
- Consideration 5

Commented [JR6]: I have notes on specifically who said what - am I allowed to share those details, or should we keep them out of the public notes for psychological safety?

Commented [JR7R6]: Laura and Lee, I'm going to provide this detail to you all outside of the public notes to use how you'd like!

Commented [JL(8R6): Yes, that sounds best, thanks

Pacific Power's Laura James closed out this activity with gratitude to the members and public attendees for their willingness to accommodate the activity. The feedback shared is what Pacific Power was hoping for, and it will provide a lot to work with. This language will be seen again in the October engagement meeting.

As a reminder, the October CBIAG engagement will be held in a hybrid setting. Please let Pacific Power or E Source know if there are any additional considerations needed for accessibility to attend in person.

Meeting Close

Public Comment

There was no public comment

Check Out Question:

What was your biggest takeaway from today's conversation?

- Coalicion Fortaleza reflected on the multitude of issues and vulnerable populations to consider. If community needs aren't centered, community struggles will still be a challenge. The same issues will persist. Coalicion Fortaleza is looking forward to continuing the conversation.
- Community Energy Project is reflecting on the role as advisors the members take, and wonders where Pacific Power sees stakeholders as having expertise. There is a feeling of having this conversation before, and trying to envision the larger picture of what is being advised on and what is being gathered. Community Energy Project suggests a more critical space for these conversations.
 - Pacific Power and E Source acknowledge and apology for the frustration of repetition, and value the feedback on how this process can be improved for everyone.

Next Steps

Pacific Power's Christina Medina closed out the meeting by providing context on next steps. Christina also ruminated on the opportunity this engagement lends to learning how to better community with each other. Pacific Power will continue to evolve and is looking forward to October to show what has been accomplished over the year, plus how the group's feedback has been used for improvement. Pacific Power is hoping to host the October engagement in Portland but will be mindful of the recent covid surge.

CBIAG Calendar

October 19th (Hybrid) 1pm-4pm
Location: Lloyd Center Tower - 825 NE
Multnomah
Portland, OR 97232 (20th Floor)
[CBIAG Zoom Registration](#)

November 16th (Online) 1pm-4pm
[CBIAG Zoom Registration](#)

Link: <https://www.pacificcorp.com/energy/oregon-community-benefits-and-impacts.html>

For more information:
[Oregon Clean Energy Plan Updated
Engagement Strategy](#)

PacificCorp Stakeholder Engagement

September 22nd (Online) 9am-11am
[Tribal Nations Zoom Registration](#)

October 27th (Online) 1pm-4pm
[CEP Zoom Registration](#)

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