

Pacific Power Public Participation Meeting Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA)

Public Meeting #3 Notes

Wednesday November 10, 2021, 6:00-8:00pm Pacific Time

These notes were synthesized and summarized by RMI, PacifiCorp's meeting facilitation partner.

Executive Summary

Public Meeting #3 focused on Pacific Power's Draft Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) content and process. Approximately 18 members of the public attended the virtual webinar on Zoom. Throughout the meeting, PacifiCorp answered questions asked by attendees and solicited public feedback on content. The webinar included live Spanish interpretation and offered a set of slides translated to Spanish.

Responses to questions and comments that did not get addressed during the webinar or where PacifiCorp felt that greater detail was needed are differentiated in this document by purple text.

At the beginning of the meeting, Pacific Power (represented by PacifiCorp employees and referred to as PacifiCorp throughout these notes) reviewed items covered in previous Public Meetings and gave progress updates since Public Meeting #2. PacifiCorp then presented the Draft CEIP and content in each CEIP chapter. Public attendees asked PacifiCorp questions and shared their reactions through the Zoom Q&A feature.

PacifiCorp asked the public to submit comments and feedback on the draft CEIP by December 3. During the webinar, the public voiced that they:

- Want to know more about carbon neutrality and the reliability of renewable resources.
- Thought the meeting content was at the right level of detail.
- Are interested in providing feedback on the Draft CEIP.
- Appreciated the Spanish interpretation.

The meeting concluded with a review of what's next and a request for the public to submit feedback on the Draft CEIP. PacifiCorp's Draft CEIP is available for public review here:

<https://www.pacificorp.com/content/dam/pcorp/documents/en/pacificorp/energy/ceip/PAC-DRAFT-CEIP-11-1-21.pdf>.

Session Objectives

- Provide context and updates since Public Meeting #2.
- Review information included the November 1 Draft Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP).
- Prepare the public for what's next.
- Invite and inform attendees about how to submit comments on the Draft CEIP.
- Respond to questions and get feedback from public attendees.

Slides available here: [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

Welcome, Meeting Overview, and Introductions (6:05pm)

PacifiCorp welcomed attendees and shared meeting objectives and the agenda. PacifiCorp representatives then introduced themselves to the public and provided updates since Public Meeting #2, which included: meeting with the Equity Advisory Group (EAG), submitting the Draft CEIP on November 1, holding 2 CEIP Technical Workshops, and filing a request with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) for an independent evaluation for the upcoming energy supply solicitation process.

PacifiCorp prompted public attendees to answer anonymous poll questions (shared bilingually in English and Spanish) to better understand their audience and outreach efforts.

Poll Question: How did you hear about this meeting? (Allowed multiple selections)

- Other: 3
- Attended other public meeting(s): 2
- Email: 2
- Newspaper: 2
- Social media: 1
- Insert with utility bill: 1
- Website: 0
- Word of mouth: 0
- Radio: 0

Poll Question: Who are you?

- Pacific Power customer in Washington: 4
- PacifiCorp customer in other state: 3
- PacifiCorp stakeholder: 2
- None of the above: 1

Poll Question: Why did you join us tonight? (Allowed multiple selections)

- Related to my job: 6
- Curious about this work: 3
- Feel strongly about clean energy: 2
- Representing my community: 1
- Some other reason: 1

Draft CEIP Overview and Chapters on Targets and Benefits (6:20 pm)

PacifiCorp started with a review of the purpose of the CEIP and the process it undertook to develop the draft. The CEIP was created to meet the requirements of Washington State's Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA), which became a law in 2019. The CEIP describes actions that Pacific Power will take in the next four years (2022-2025) to advance the goals outlined in CETA. It includes Customer Benefit Indicators (CBIs) and associated metrics to track progress, and some of these CBIs and metrics are specifically associated with highly impacted communities and vulnerable populations.

PacifiCorp has been working through a CEIP process with ten milestones, while gathering feedback from their Equity Advisory Group (EAG) and the public along the way. At milestone 8, PacifiCorp filed its Draft CEIP on November 1. The final CEIP will be submitted by January 1, 2022.

PacifiCorp's Draft CEIP has five main chapters: Targets, Customer Benefit Indicators, Actions, Interim Costs, and Public Participation. PacifiCorp discussed targets and CBIs during this section of the meeting.

The public asked questions about this presentation:

- Q: What is the definition of "renewable" and how does that differ from "[Greenhouse Gas] Neutral"?
 - A: Under CETA, "renewable" includes anything that doesn't emit carbon or other greenhouse gases (GHGs). In PacifiCorp's portfolio of energy resources, this is primarily wind, solar, and a fleet of existing hydro-electric resources. In the long term, this could include hydrogen-fueled peaker plants, nuclear, and/or geothermal. Greenhouse gas neutrality means 100% of megawatt-hours (MWh) in Washington that are provided by Pacific Power are matched by clean energy. 80% of the energy must come from Pacific Power's long-term resources, and up to 20% of the energy can be purchased elsewhere. By 2045, Pacific Power will transition to providing 100% clean energy with its own resources.
- Q: Is hydroelectric power "renewable"?
 - A: Yes, hydroelectric power is included as an eligible renewable resource.
- Q: Is the production, materials, end of life, and raw material sourcing of the power generation facilities (solar, wind, etc.) factored or addressed in your carbon neutral plan?
 - A: The carbon footprint metrics we have do not look at emissions from the production of the equipment itself; they only calculate system-level emissions of the portfolio of resources and equipment being analyzed based on a model's dispatch of the resources. Proxy cost assumptions include demolition costs for solar and wind.

Break (6:45 pm)

Draft CEIP Chapters on Actions and Incremental Costs (6:50 pm)

In the Specific Actions chapter of the Draft CEIP, PacifiCorp outlined actions that the utility will take to achieve the goals outlined in CETA. Their actions are grouped into four categories:

- **Supply-Side Resources:** Actions that support PacifiCorp to generate more electricity from renewable and non-emitting resources for its customers in Washington.
- **Energy Efficiency:** Actions that help customers transform their homes, offices, and businesses to use electricity more efficiently. This can lower bills and create more comfortable spaces.
- **Demand Response:** Actions that help customers access more clean electricity produced by PacifiCorp's resources. Demand response programs compensate enrolled customers that change their electricity usage at certain times of the day or certain days of the year.

- **Community Outreach and Engagement:** Actions that create greater opportunities for communities that PacifiCorp serves to benefit from clean electricity programs, regardless of economic or cultural circumstance.

PacifiCorp presented an overview of these categories and provided additional detail on several of the specific actions the utility will take in the next four years.

The public asked questions and gave comments throughout the presentation:

- Q: [I] noticed that 42% of your customer base speaks Spanish at home. Does the uptake of these programs reflect that demographic?
 - A: We are working with our communication teams to ensure that we have linguistically targeted programs. We are hoping participation will increase in targeted communities with an increase in targeted communication. The Community Outreach and Engagement category of actions includes plans to increase targeted Spanish communication and ads (e.g., radio), having live interpreters, and more.
- Q: Given Pacific Power's increased and increasing reliance on wind power, what actions are you taking to avoid the hundreds of deaths which occurred in Texas last winter due to frozen wind machines?
 - A: When we issue requests for proposals (RFPs), we include technical specifications that bidders are required to adhere to, and we require bidders to design systems that are appropriate for our context. From a system planning perspective, we model with an eye towards managing risk. We take into account even highly unlikely scenarios. PacifiCorp's system is diverse, and we have redundancies built in. The Texas situation had factors that involved more than challenges with their wind resources.
- Q: Demand response question: Will high-demand reduction be sought during certain times of the day, certain days of the year (high energy use days), or both?
 - A: Both! We are focused on specific times of the day during hours are when demand is typically highest and on specific times of the year, typically in summer and winter months. Each program offers opportunity for load reduction, and it depends on when customer is using the load. Each program also has parameters around how we manage demand response, and we will be upfront with customers' boundaries. For example, for commercial and industrial customers, there are boundaries that limit how often we'd request a demand response event, based on hours per year, duration, and frequency.
- Q: What actions, if any, is Pacific Power taking toward the repeal of CETA?
 - We have no plans to do this. We are aligned with CETA's objectives.

What's Next? (7:45 pm)

The CEIP process is intended to be open transparent and accessible. PacifiCorp hopes to hear from customers as the utility charts a path toward the clean energy future, safely, securely, and reliably, and in a way that reduces burdens on Washington's most vulnerable customers. There are multiple opportunities to provide feedback:

- The draft CEIP is available at www.pacificorp.com/ceip or by clicking [here](#).
- The next EAG meeting Nov 17 from 1-4 pm; the public is invited to participate and provide input.
- You may email PacifiCorp directly at CEIP@pacificorp.com.
- You may file comments with Washington UTC Records Center by using the “Submit a Comment” feature at <https://www.utc.wa.gov/consumers/submit-comment>.

PacifiCorp polled public attendees to understand if they ways to provide feedback were clear. Upon reviewing the polling results (included below), PacifiCorp reiterated the pathways available.

Poll Question: Do you know how to provide feedback on PacifiCorp’s Draft CEIP?

- Yes: 6
- No: 2
- Maybe: 1

Closing (7:50 pm)

Attendees were thanked for their time and reminded that meeting materials and notes are posted to the website. The public is invited to share any feedback with PacifiCorp by emailing ceip@pacificorp.com.

PacifiCorp prompted public attendees to answer anonymous poll questions (shared bilingually in English and Spanish) to gain feedback about their presentation.

Poll Question: Do you plan to submit written comments on PacifiCorp’s Draft CEIP?

- Maybe: 3
- Yes: 2
- Probably not: 2

Poll Question: How did you feel about the content in today’s meeting?

- Just right: 5
- Too detailed: 2
- Not enough detail: 1

Poll Question: Did you use the Spanish interpretation and translation?

- No: 6
- Yes, just interpretation: 1
- Yes, just slide translation: 0
- Yes, both: 0