



Clean Energy Planning Engagement Series for Oregon Tribal Nations

October 2024 Meeting Notes

October 25, 2024, 9:00 – 11:00 am, Pacific Time

These notes were synthesized and summarized by E Source, Pacific Power’s meeting facilitation partner.

Executive Summary

There were nine individuals in attendance at the Clean Energy Planning Engagement Series for the Oregon Tribal Nations meeting on October 25, 2024. The meeting was hosted in a virtual setting with attendees joining via the ZOOM platform.

The following is a summary of the content and feedback received during the 2-hour public meeting.

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Biennial Report Draft Review <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction• Engagement Spaces & Feedback• CBIs• Next Steps
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Attendee	Organization
Attendees	
Brian Boswell	Umpqua Indian Utility Cooperative
Jim Deason	Attorney at law
Amber Faist	Northwest Native Chamber
Ellsworth Lang	Klamath Tribes (Klamath Modoc-Yahooskin)

Mike Lofting	Warm Springs Power and Enterprise
Monica Paradise	
Dave Tovey	Nixyaawii
Bruce Zimmerman	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Presenters

Kimberly Alejandro	Regulatory Manager, Pacific Power
Christina Medina	Manager, Stakeholder Policy & Engagement, Pacific Power
Jeff Brown	Hydro South Director
Tracy Moreland	Tribal Liaison Representative, Pacific Power
Jeffrey Daigle	Facilitator, E Source
Morgan Westberry	Facilitator, E Source

Pacific Power Affiliated Attendees

Jennifer Senner	Grant Program Manager
Tag Galvin-Darnieder	E Source, Facilitation Team

Meeting Notes

Opening

Pacific Power's Christina Medina welcomed participants to the October Clean Energy Planning Tribal Nations Engagement. Pacific Power is seeking to offer a space for meaningful dialogue and an opportunity to help offer lens on the work that is happening at the utility, as well as anywhere consultation can help to influence that work. Morgan Westberry, from the E Source facilitation team, then opened the meeting by reviewing the agenda, introducing presenters, and sharing meeting experience items. The information presented in the meeting will be posted online as a resource. More feedback and questions can also be sent to the engagement team offline.

Closing the Loop

Morgan Westberry recapped the last meeting, which was hosted onsite at Warm Springs Power Enterprise, including:

- Exploring the work of Energy Trust of Oregon with Warm Springs Power & Water Enterprise
- Reviewing community-utility resiliency in Distribution System Planning
- Communicating Demand Response Portfolio and Transportation Electrification updates

Check In

E Source's Morgan Westberry posed the check in question: *What's the most beautiful place within 20 miles of where you live?* Responses included a variety of places that are meaningful to participants across Oregon.

Updates

Christina Medina, Stakeholder Policy and Engagement Manager, reviewed special conditions deriving from LC 82 as related to the Biennial Report, intersecting with the work of the advisory groups. LC 82, Order 24-073 encompasses Staff's recommendations to acknowledge PacifiCorp's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). Two recommendations are especially relevant to the Oregon engagement spaces, including:

- Recommendation # 8:
 - "Direct PacifiCorp to work collaboratively with Staff, stakeholders, peer utilities, and the CBIAGs in a dedicated working group to develop clear, actionable improvements to community and stakeholder engagement in subsequent IRP/CEPs by December 31, 2024. If PacifiCorp cannot complete this effort by this timeline, PacifiCorp should provide a detailed status update and explanation of how it will ensure that remaining issues are resolved as soon as practicable, inclusive of the perspectives of peer utilities and the utilities' CBIAGs"

- Recommendation # 24:
 - "Staff encourages PacifiCorp to report on its Tribal engagement strategy by December 31 of each year to the CBIAG. The review should include successes, opportunities for improvement, feedback received, a discussion of Tribal CBIs and CEP/DSP project development, and any work to involve Tribal Nations in planning and resource decision-making."

Anchoring | HB 2021 Section 6 Considerations

Christina Medina reviewed Section 6 of House Bill 2021 requirements. Each section will describe the topic with additional context and clarity, outline relevant public processes, discuss if the topic is covered by any existing CBIs, and identify next steps, actions, and impacts.

Section 6 of HB 2021 (2)(a) asks for the utility, with consultation from the CBIAG, to file a biennial report that assesses the Community Benefits and Impacts of the electric company. The biennial report must include a description of the following:

- A. Energy burden and disconnections for residential customers and disconnections for small commercial customers.
- B. Opportunities to increase contracting with businesses owned by women, veterans or Black, Indigenous, or People of Color
- C. Actions within environmental justice communities within the electric company's service territory intended to improve resilience during adverse conditions or facilitate investments in the distribution system including investments in facilities that generate non emitting electricity;
- D. Distribution of infrastructure or grid investments and upgrades in environmental justice communities in the electric company's service territory, including infrastructure or grid investments that facilitate the electric company's compliance with the clean energy targets set forth in section 3 of this 2021 Act.
- E. Social, economic, or environmental justice co-benefits that result from the electric company's investments, contracts, or internal practices;

- F. Customer experience, including a review of annual customer satisfaction surveys;
- G. Actions to encourage customer engagement
- H. Other items as determined by the electric company and the electric company's Community Benefits and Impacts Advisory Group.

Biennial Report Draft Review

Christina Medina reviewed the Biennial Report purpose and outlined the process for today's feedback session noting that content is key, members are not being asked to edit the document for formatting, grammar, and other readability considerations because reviews are happening concurrently. External and internal parties are reviewing the Biennial Report to get as much input as possible within the review period, but Pacific Power is prioritizing the advisory group perspective and will share the final document with the respective spaces. The document will also be reviewed in an iterative manner, which will allow for broader input from internal and external parties.

The Biennial Report highlights the group's responsibilities to acknowledge the dynamics of the space and the collection of input and feedback. The utility is tasked with creating a venue conducive to full participation in the process of creating an equitable clean energy transition. Meeting facilitators work to create an environment, inside and outside, of the meetings where members voices are heard and utility and member combined efforts flourish in advancing an equitable clean energy future.

To accomplish this, there are two groups running parallel: the CBIAG and the Clean Energy Plan Engagement Series for Oregon Tribal Nations. These groups collaborate in meetings, dialogue, consultation, and being open to forging a new relationship with the utility to identify, develop, and advance clean energy equity outreach and activities within their own sphere of influence. It is up to observers and members of the public to listen, ask questions, and participate in the advancement of an equitable clean energy future. Typically, Pacific Power staff will join to better understand the projects in progress.

Feedback from respective engagement spaces is a crucial piece to achieving company and legislative goals. Feedback is shared through several mechanisms, including:

- Public Notes, which are available for all spaces referenced in the Biennial Report
- 'Closing the Loop' segment of each meeting, where follow-up and updates from previous meetings are summarized
- PacifiCorp's Feedback Tracker, housed on the PacifiCorp website

Feedback begins in facilitated discussions where Pacific Power seeks to better understand the suggestion's needs. This information is then taken back to the appropriate subject matter experts who will present preliminary findings, plans, validate the approach, and seek additional feedback if necessary. If applicable,

the team will report on progress, reengage, and further seek stakeholder support. Finally, next steps are surfaced, and the company will commit to any necessary actions.

Below is an example of the feedback tracker spreadsheet, organized by state, engagement space, meeting date, topic category, and the feedback.

State	Engagement Space	Date	Category	Feedback
OR	Tribal Nations	June 2024	Community Benefit Indicators	Warm Springs Power and Enterprise is advocating for transparency in information going out to customers.
OR	Tribal Nations	July 2024	Community Summary	Tribal Nations Engagement advisory group members shared that the most important thing is not attributing feedback but elevating it, especially high priority feedback and creating the space to follow up and share information about projects in the pipeline. Creating this sense of safety deepens the relationship between utilities and Tribes.
OR	Tribal Nations	July 2024	General Feedback	Ellsworth Lang discussed the topic of intentionality and asked that Pacific Power ensure that its Tribal Nations Engagement space is not limited in topics. It was also shared that the Klamath Tribe is establishing a strategic energy manager that can start handling information from a more wholistic perspective.

Break

Feedback Session

Pacific Power is seeking feedback from the Oregon groups, Community Benefits and Impacts Advisory Group and the Clean Energy Planning Engagement Series for Oregon Tribal Nations ahead of the final Biennial Report filing on 11/18. Members will have until 11/07 to submit feedback via email, post meeting survey, or by attending office hours on October 28, 2024, from 12:00 – 1:30pm PT or October 30, 2024,

from 12:00 – 1:30pm PT. Members are not required to attend the entire 90-minute session and should feel free to join whichever fit their schedule.

Meeting Discussion

Members were asked to respond to the following questions:

1. How clear and accessible did you find the Biennial Report?
 2. Which section of the report did you find most useful?
 3. Were there any sections of the report that you have recommendations for additions to?
 4. What improvements would you suggest for future reports?
 5. What additional comments or feedback do you have regarding the Biennial Report?
 6. Would you like an individual conversation to walk through the Biennial Report?
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation noted that in reviewing the Biennial report, it was fairly complex and that multiple filings at the PUC that tie into the Biennial report requirement. Asked if Pacific Power has something, like a chart, that has the dockets and how they flow into the Report. It can be confusing to dissect which ones are interrelated. for example, UM2345 relates into this report and some of the information that is in it.
 - Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation also added that the timeframe is short to provide comments. If the filing is on November 18, 2024, then there isn't enough time to look at other comments received and allow for it to be an iterative process prior to the filing. Ideally, there would be more time to review and provide comments, as well as more time to have discussions as a group. This timeframe is missing an opportunity to have meaningful discussions around this.
 - Klamath Tribes (Klamath Modoc-Yahooskin) stated that the Biennial report is lengthy and takes a bit time to get through, it also seems like a bit of a formality and loses value because there is no clear tie to how it helps the Tribes. There is also work required for participants to present to councils (i.e., to present to the council there needs to be a summary view, which is a lift to repackage). Suggested that creating a 'read out' template would be helpful.
 - Klamath Tribes (Klamath Modoc-Yahooskin) expressed how outside agencies communicate with Tribes matter and getting in front of the Tribes at their level is needed. It was noted that a lot of spaces are not conducive to collaborating with Tribes and taking learnings from what does and doesn't work is part of succeeding in this space.
 - Klamath Tribes (Klamath Modoc-Yahooskin) also shared that overall, the discussion and report are productive on most levels and understands that it is something that needs to develop because of PUC requirements.
 - Warm Springs Power and Enterprise spoke to the need for action. The report is a needed thing for the PUC but raises the question of where it is going to lead. Resurfaced previous comments around capacity/bandwidth limitations for Tribes and the need for technical support for securing funding. Something that would be the most helpful is being connected to and notified what grants are out there for Tribes and assistance with the grant applications to secure the funding. It is suggested that a series of legislation session 'previews' would be a helpful addition to this space to educate on items that are still malleable.

- Umpqua Indian Utility Cooperative appreciates being able to provide feedback on the Report. One thing that keeps coming up is the rising energy costs and the concerns around how to implement renewable energy and other projects being passed on to ratepayers. It seems like the concerns get muddled a little bit in the report. The group raised concerns that the impact on Tribal members does not seem to be reflective of the priorities shared by the group, which is disappointing. Additionally, how it will be solved is not addressed at all.
- Umpqua Indian Utility Cooperative and Warm Springs Power Enterprises shared similar opinions about the chart (tribal concerns appear to be 'buried' and muddled)
- Warm Springs Power and Enterprise spoke about the renewable energy costs, which are not touched on in the report and should be. A cost analysis included/reported on in the Report would be a welcome addition.
- Umpqua Indian Utility Cooperative echoed comments on the need to talk about shifting costs and effects of these.

Final Thoughts

Morgan Westberry welcomed final thoughts from the group. Morgan reshared the meeting's survey link and encouraged participation.

Meeting Close & Next Steps

Christina Medina thanked the group for the dialogue today and reiterated that feedback is being tracked in a living document that is posted online to ensure feedback is being acknowledged and captured.

Resources

Pacific Power's Christina Medina shared a slide of resource links and closed the meeting.

- Email comments to: TribalRelations@PacifiCorp.com
- For more information: [Oregon Clean Energy Plan Updated Engagement Strategy](#)
- <https://www.pacificorp.com/energy/oregon-community-benefits-and-impacts.html>