

Joint Advisory Group Work Sessions

August 21 and 23, 2023 – Hot Sheet

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What is the Equity Advisory Group (EAG)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established in 2021 as result of the Clean Energy Transformation Act Advises PSE on specific areas related to advancing equity in clean electricity planning and implementation with a focus on frontline, vulnerable and highly impacted communities. Members are a diverse group of individuals with connections to frontline, vulnerable, and highly impacted communities. Members (currently 16) are volunteers, selected through an application process.
What is the Conservation Resource Advisory Group (CRAG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established in 2002 as a result of the 2002 General Rate Case Settlement; electric portion superseded by WAC 480-109-110. Advises Customer Energy Management (CEM) on variety of conservation issues including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programs Evaluations Potential assessments Equity Filing reviews Made up of members who were interveners in the 2002 General Rate Case Settlement and represent a broad cross section of customer segments. Meetings occur 4-6 time per year.
What is the Low Income Advisory Committee (LIAC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established in January 2018 as a result of a multiparty settlement with the Commission. Goals and Objectives are:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To keep customers connected to their energy service ○ Provide bill assistance to more customers than are currently served ○ Lower the energy burden of PSE HELP participants ○ Collect data necessary to assess program effectiveness and inform ongoing policy discussions ● Members include representatives from PSE, The Energy Project, The Dept. of Commerce, Commission staff, Northwest Energy Coalition, (NWE), Public Counsel (Attorney General’s office), and Community Action Partnership (CAP) agency representatives. ● Meetings are monthly or every two months as needed.
<p>What are Named Communities, Highly Impacted Communities, and Vulnerable Populations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Named communities are the composite of highly impacted and vulnerable populations (using 2021 CEIP definitions). ● Highly impacted communities are designated by the Department of Health based on the cumulative impact analysis required by RCW 19.405.140 or a community located in census tracts that are fully or partially on “Indian Country,” as described in 18 U.S.C Sec. 1151. ● Vulnerable populations are communities that experience a disproportionate cumulative risk from environmental burdens due to: adverse socioeconomic factors, including unemployment, high housing and transportation costs relative to income, access to food and health care, and linguistic isolation; and sensitivity factors, such as low birth weight and higher rates of hospitalization.

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What is the 2023 CEIP Biennial Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Biennial update refines how PSE is delivering clean electricity through the remainder of the first implementation period (2023-2025). • We are preparing the 2023 Biennial Update now, to be submitted by Nov. 1, 2023. • The Commission order, issued on June 6, 2023, included conditions that PSE must address; key conditions are included in the presentation for reference.
What are megawatts?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A standard measurement when discussing energy use at the system scale. • Describes the rate at which electricity is consumed at a particular moment. • Example: 5 MW community solar, 150 MW wind farm.
What are megawatt hours?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A standard measurement the amount of electricity consumed in an hour. • Equal to 1 megawatt of electricity used continuously for one hour. • About equivalent to the amount of electricity used by about 330 homes during one hour.
Condition 20: Deepest Need and Minimum Designations (see attached excerpt from Commission Order 08 for additional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSE must file an amendment to designate for Named Communities a minimum of 30% of the energy benefits of its DER solar, DER storage, DR, and EE programs, with benefits measured across each tranche of resources. • PSE must develop a targeting approach to identify the customers and communities with deepest need within the broader category of Named Communities in consultation with interested persons and advisory groups.

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details)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• By the 2023 Biennial CEIP Update PSE must designate a minimum percentage of energy benefits that will flow to Named Communities with deepest need.• There is no regulatory definition for deepest need.

The slide deck and agenda are available on the [CEIP website](#). Additional questions or concerns? Please reach out to ceip@pse.com.