

Equity Advisory Group Meeting

September 18, 2023 – Hot Sheet

Topic	The least you should know ...
EAG Equity Forum Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The North and South Equity Forums are complete. • In total, there were 60 attendees at the North Forum including staff and 35 attendees including staff at the South Forum.
Bill Rate Discount update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bill Discount Rate or BDR is a new tiered discount rate program. • It offers income eligible customers reduced energy rates. • Learn more at: https://www.pse.com/en/account-and-billing/assistance-programs/bill-discount-rate.
Home Energy Lifeline Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Home Energy Lifeline Program or HELP is a once-a-year credit that provides assistance for eligible residential customers to help pay their electric or natural gas bills. • Learn more at: https://www.pse.com/en/account-and-billing/assistance-programs/HELP.
What is energy burden?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy burden (EB) is the percent of household income used to pay for utility bills. • Severe energy burden is defined as households with energy bills that exceed 10 percent of the annual household income.
Where did the requirement for the Bill Discount Rate program come from?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSE's General Rate Case Settlement: "PSE must work with its Low-Income Advisory Group between August and October 2023 to either identify additional [Known Low-Income] KLI customers, or to automatically enroll low-income customers in a bill discount or bill assistance program, to reach a target of at least 70,000 participants by January 1, 2024...." UTC Order 01 (Aug. 3, 2023) in Docket UG-230470 (pp. 5)

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What is the 2023 Biennial CEIP Update?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2023 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 on our first Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP), issued on June 6, 2023, included conditions that PSE must address in the Biennial Update; key conditions discussed in the presentation for reference.
What elements are included in the Biennial Update?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrating four tenets of energy justice • Updating definition of Named Communities • Defining “deepest need” and related minimum designation • Updating interim and specific targets • Refining and adding specific actions • Reporting on public engagement progress
What is deepest need?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSE customers at or above 10% energy burden that are concentrated in neighborhoods or in the top half of census blocks with the highest population of 10% or more energy burden. • Specific compounding conditions and qualitative information from PSE's Community Affairs and Outreach groups help guide prioritization for projects designated for these groups.
What is a minimum designation?	<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.

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What are the four tenets of energy justice?	<p>The four tenets as defined by the Commission are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognition• Procedural• Distributive• Restorative
What are specific targets?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specific targets are measurable amounts of clean energy resources to be delivered during the 2021-2025 implementation period.• They include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Average renewable energy percentage over the 4-year period (54.5%)○ Energy efficiency (397,820 MWh for 2024-2025)○ Demand response (86 MW)○ Distributed energy resources – solar (80 MW)○ Distributed energy resources – storage (25 MW)
What are specific actions?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specific actions are steps PSE will take to achieve our clean energy goals.• They include distributed energy resources (solar and storage), energy efficiency, and demand response.• Other examples include a time varying rates pilot, grid modernization, and a virtual power plant.

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