

Equity Advisory Group Meeting

October 20, 2025 – Hot Sheet



Topic	Topic Primer
Equity in Integrated System Planning Presenter: Brian Tyson, Manager, Clean Energy Planning & Implementation Uche Nwede, Energy Equity Initiatives Manager, Clean Energy Planning & Implementation	<u>Why is this topic being presented to the EAG?</u> The Integrated System Plan (ISP) represents PSE's most critical long-term planning document and the state's first-ever ISP—a comprehensive roadmap that consolidates previous resource and clean energy planning efforts into one strategic plan for our clean energy transformation. PSE is the first utility in Washington, and among the first in the nation, to create an ISP. As PSE navigates this process with limited national models to reference, the EAG's expertise and previous contributions to system planning are essential for developing a regulatory-compliant plan that has incorporated equity at every stage. The EAG will have multiple opportunities throughout 2026 to shape this foundational document that will guide PSE's energy future. <u>Key Terms & Acronyms</u> Integrated System Plan (ISP): A comprehensive, long-term planning document that integrates gas and electric utility planning and includes consistent, equitable, and actionable plans across customer strategies, energy supply, and energy delivery to achieve required clean energy and greenhouse gas emission reductions, while maintaining reliable and affordable energy systems Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP): PSE's detailed plan for achieving CETA requirements and clean energy goals. The CEIP is essentially the clean energy details of the larger ISP. Integrated Resource Plan (IRP): A utility's long-term plan for delivering electricity to customers through power generation, transmission lines, and system upgrades, replaced this year by the ISP. Energy Equity Justice Tenets: <u>Recognition</u> (acknowledging historical and ongoing inequities), <u>Procedural</u> (involving people in decisions that impact their lives), <u>Distributional</u> (ensuring vulnerable populations receive a fair share of benefits without undue burdens), <u>Restorative</u> (taking actions to disrupt and address inequalities). (See "<u>PSE's approach to Energy Equity</u>") Conservation Potential Assessment (CPA): A comprehensive study that evaluates how much energy a utility could save through energy efficiency and demand response programs Customer Benefit Indicators (CBIs): Metrics showing how programs benefit customers and communities (ex: improved participation in programs, improved home comfort, energy burden reduction, etc.) <u>Relevant context & details</u> HB 1589 is a state law that requires large combination utilities to combine gas and electric planning into an Integrated System Plan. Puget Sound Energy, the state's only large combination utility, must replace separate gas and electric filings with one transparent plan that models costs and timelines for decarbonizing energy services for customers. The ISP must be filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission by April 1, 2027. Additional information can be found under <u>Commission docket 240841</u>. The EAG previously advised on topics related to the ISP at the following meetings: <u>EAG Meeting May 21, 2024</u> : Briefing on HB1589 establishing the ISP

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	EAG Meeting June 18, 2024 : Transition from IRP to ISP EAG Meeting July 16, 2024 : Update on ISP Transition, Equity Analysis for Electric and Gas EAG Meeting Sept. 17, 2024 : ISP Approach and Engagement Objectives; Deepest Need designations EAG Meeting Feb. 18, 2025 : Minimum Designation, Outreach to Deepest Need customers, In-language outreach campaigns EAG Meeting July 21, 2025 : Updates to Community Benefit Indicators <u>What will you be asked to advise on?</u> At this session, the EAG will hear about how Equity has been considered into the analysis of the ISP thus far, and where future opportunities will be to further focus and refine the plan's Equity characteristics. At this meeting, the ISP team seeks consultation and involvement from the EAG regarding the plan's equity considerations in its analysis.
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Clean Energy Strategy Customer Outreach Survey - Results Presenter: Ray Outlaw, Manager, Communications Initiatives	<u>Why is this topic being presented to the EAG?</u> Over the past year, PSE developed and implemented a survey to customers around their experience and preferences with the Clean Energy Transition. The EAG supported the development of survey questions. This presentation will invite the EAG to review the findings alongside PSE staff. <u>Relevant context & details</u> Background: EAG Meeting Sept. 17, 2024 Survey Questions Survey Results <u>What will you be asked to advise on?</u> PSE has provided the survey questions and summary results. The primary opportunity with the survey results is for you to be able to engage, alongside PSE, with the outcomes. As time allows, we will review the methodology and high-level results. EAG members are asked to consider the results and how well they reflect their own opinions and experiences to inform future interactions and feedback.

The slide deck and agenda are available on the [website](#).

Additional questions or concerns? Please reach out to EAG@PSE.com

Frequent Acronyms & Key Terms

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PSE's Energy Glossary is [here](#).

Relevant Policy & Legislation

UTC (Utility and Transportation Commission): The state agency that regulates utilities in Washington, setting rates and ensuring companies follow state energy laws.

CETA (Clean Energy Transformation Act): Passed in 2019 and commits WA state to a carbon-neutral electric supply by 2030 and 100% clean electricity by 2045 (RCW 19.405)

CCA (Climate Commitment Act, "Cap and invest"): Passed in 2021, state law that seeks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the largest emitting sources and industries, to work towards the state's greenhouse gas limits set in state law, through a market-based carbon allowance compliance cap-and-invest program. (RCW 70A.65)

HB 1589 (Decarb Bill for Large Combined Investor-Owned Utilities) – passed in 2024, it streamlines the planning processes by requiring PSE to prepare a first in the nation Integrated Systems Plan (ISP), to support the future energy choices of our customers in alignment with the Washington state's clean energy goals.

Energy Equity Tenets: Identified by the University of Michigan [Energy Equity Project](#) and adopted by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission in [Docket UG-210755](#), [Final Order 09](#), they are: Recognition Justice, Procedural Justice, Distributional Justice, and Restorative Justice.

PSE Terms

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Named Communities (NCs) are a combination of Highly Impacted Communities and Vulnerable Populations. Customers in highly impacted communities as outlined in CETA.

Highly impacted communities (HICs) are areas identified by the Washington State Department of Health as facing high environmental and health risks or located on tribal lands. Census tracts scoring 9 or 10 on a cumulative impact scale are included.

Vulnerable populations (VPs) are communities facing greater cumulative risks from environmental burdens due to socioeconomic challenges (like unemployment, high living costs, limited access to food and healthcare, and language barriers) and health sensitivities (such as low birth weight and higher hospitalization rates).

Customers and communities with deepest need are those living in areas identified as clusters of severe energy burden and multiple compounding factors hindering the ability to access adequate resources

Energy Burden: The percentage of household income spent on energy bills. Higher percentages indicate greater financial stress from energy costs.

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Community Terms

CBO (Community Based Organizations): Community-led groups that serve local communities and understand their unique needs.

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