

Avista Advisory Groups

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Clean Energy Implementation Plan Public Participation Meetings - Washington Focused

Intent: Avista's Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) describes the utility's plan for making progress towards meeting Washington's clean energy transformation standards. Avista engages advisory groups, conducts outreach, and provides education for all Washington electric customers, with an emphasis on those who may be considered vulnerable or highly impacted by fossil fuel pollution and climate change. Avista collaborates with advisory groups to determine the timing and scope of inclusive public participation throughout the CEIP's development and implementation phases.

Members: The CEIP Public Participation Meetings are open to all interested parties and customers. All Avista's electric focused advisory groups are invited to attend.

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Distribution Planning Advisory Group (DPAG) - Washington and Idaho Focused

Intent: Established pursuant to RCW 19.280.100(2)(e), regarding participation in the Company's 10-year plan for distribution system investments and an analysis of nonwires alternatives for major transmission and distribution investments. The distribution system investment planning process should utilize a transparent approach that involves opportunities for interested parties to provide input and feedback.

Members: Participants represent the following list of organizations:

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| • Attorney General of Washington Office | • Department of Ecology | • Northwest Power and Conservation Council |
| • Avista | • Idaho Public Utilities Commission | • Northwest Renewables |
| • Cascade Natural Gas Corporation | • Inland Empire Paper Co | • NW Energy Coalition |
| • Clearwater Paper Corporation | • Lewis & Clark Law School | • PacifiCorp |
| • Commerce | • Northwest Gas Association | • Rural Resources Community Action |
| • DeltaG Consulting | • Northwest Laborers' Employers Cooperation Fund | • SNAP |
| | | • Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission |

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Energy Assistance Advisory Group (EAAG) - Washington Focused

Intent: This group was established as a formal forum focused on low-income energy assistance efforts. Its purpose is to monitor and explore ways to improve Avista's Low-Income Rate Assistance Program (LIRAP). This includes discussing potential program modifications, collaboratively troubleshooting challenges, and examining alternatives that may better serve Washington customers. The EAAG is guided by four primary goals:

- Keeping customers connected to their energy service.
- Providing assistance to more customers than are currently served.
- Lowering the energy burden of LIRAP participants.
- Ensuring that LIRAP has appropriate data to assess program effectiveness.

All of this is done while carefully managing administrative costs to ensure operational efficiency, allowing the maximum amount of funding to be directed to those in need.

Members: Includes representatives from:

- Avista,
- Community Action Agencies
- WUTC Commission Staff
- Aging and Long-Term Care of Eastern Washington
- The Energy Project
- Northwest Energy Coalition
- Department of Commerce
- Public Counsel

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Energy Efficiency Advisory Group (EEAG) - Washington & Idaho Focused

Intent: An advisory group of interested parties to advise Avista on conservation issues including, but not limited to: (a) Conservation programs and measures. (b) Updates to the utility's evaluation, measurement, and verification framework. (c) Modification of existing, or development of new evaluation, measurement and verification methods. (d) Independent third-party evaluation of portfolio-level biennial conservation achievement. (e) Development of conservation potential assessments. (f) The methodology, inputs, and calculations for cost-effectiveness. (g) The data sources and values used to develop and update supply curves. (h) The need for tariff modifications or mid-biennium program corrections.

The group also provides council around the appropriate level of and planning for: (i) Marketing conservation programs; (ii) Incentives to customers for measures and services; and (iii) Impact, market, and process evaluations. (j) Programs for low-income residential customers. (k) Establishment of the biennial conservation target and program achievement results compared to the target. (l) Conservation program budgets and actual expenditures compared to budgets. (m) Development and implementation of new and pilot programs.

Members: Participants represent the following list of organizations:

- Avista representatives
- Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho (CAPAI)
- Department of Commerce
- E-source, Idaho Conservation League (ICL)
- Idaho Power
- PacifiCorp (PAC)
- IPUC and WUTC Commission staff
- Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA)
- Northwest Energy Efficiency Council (NEEC)
- Northwest Power & Conservation Council
- NWECA
- Public Counsel
- Puget Sound Energy (PSE)
- Rosauers Supermarkets
- SBW Consulting
- Spokane Neighborhood Action Partners (SNAP)
- TEP

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Equity Advisory Group (EAG) - Washington Focused

Intent: Under the 2019 Washington Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA), Avista collaborates and regularly engages an external equity advisory group to advise the utility on equity issues including, but not limited to, vulnerable population designation, equity customer benefit indicator development, data support and development, and recommended approaches for ensuring that all customers are benefiting from the transition to clean energy through:

- 1) The equitable distribution of energy and nonenergy benefits and reduction of burdens to vulnerable populations and highly impacted communities.
- 2) Long-term and short-term public health and environmental benefits and reduction of costs and risks; and
- 3) Energy security and resiliency.

Avista must encourage participation from:

- environmental justice advocates and
- public health advocates,
- tribes, and
- representatives from highly impacted communities and
- vulnerable populations,
- other relevant groups.

See EAG Charter for more information by viewing the charter online: [EAG Charter \(https://www.myavista.com/-/media/myavista/content-documents/about-us/ceta/equity-advisory-group-charter-fall-2021.pdf\)](https://www.myavista.com/-/media/myavista/content-documents/about-us/ceta/equity-advisory-group-charter-fall-2021.pdf)

Members: The EAG meetings are open to all interested parties and customers. Meetings include representatives from organizations, small business owners, and community members from across Avista's Washington service territory. Membership sometimes changes, but current membership includes representation from:

- community action agencies
- public education
- government agencies
- medical
- aging
- long-term care
- tribal organizations
- community members
- small business owners

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Electric IRP Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) - Washington and Idaho Focused

Intent: Each electric utility has the responsibility to identify and meet its resource needs with the lowest reasonable cost mix of conservation and efficiency, generation, distributed energy resources, and delivery system investments to ensure the utility provides energy to its customers that is clean, affordable, reliable, and equitably distributed. Avista must demonstrate and document how it considered input from advisory group members in the development of its IRP and two-year IRP progress report. Examples of how the utility may incorporate advisory group input include using modeling scenarios, sensitivities, and assumptions, and studies proposed by advisory group members, and by using data and information supplied by advisory group members as inputs to plan development.

Members: Membership fluctuates, but current membership includes representation from the following:

- 350.Org Spokane
- 4Sight Energy Group
- academics
- AEG
- Avista
- Avista customers
- Avista representatives
- Avista Residential and Small Commercial Customers
- Biomethane LLC
- Bonneville Power Administration
- Building Industry Association of Washington
- Carbon WA
- Chelan PUD
- City of Spokane
- Clearwater Paper
- Clenera
- Climate Solutions
- Commission Staff
- Commission Staff of both IPUC and WUTC
- Consumer advocates
- Creative Renewable Solutions
- Cyprus Creek Renewables
- Direct Energy
- Energy Keepers Inc.
- environmental groups
- GE Energy
- Government agencies
- Heelstone Renewable Energy
- Huntwood
- Idaho Conservation League (ICL)
- Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
- Idaho Office of Energy and Mineral Resources
- Idaho Power
- independent power producers
- Inland Empire Paper
- Inland Power & Light
- Innovari
- Kalesnikoff
- Kiemle Hagood
- McKinstry
- Measure Meant
- Mitsubishi Power Americas Inc.
- MRW Associates
- National Grid
- New Sun Energy
- Northwest Power and Conservation Council
- Northwest Renewables
- NWECA
- other interested parties
- Pacific Energy Research Associates
- Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee
- Pera Inc
- Perennial Power Holdings
- Phil Jones Consulting
- Pivotal Investments
- Public Counsel
- Puget Sound Energy
- Pullman City Council
- Renewable Energy Coalition
- Renewable Northwest
- Shasta
- Sierra Club
- Sovereign Power
- Spokane Tribe of Indians
- SpokEnergy
- Strata Solar
- Tesla
- The Energy Authority
- Tollhouse Energy
- Trade and Economic Development
- Tyr Energy
- Utilicom Consulting Group
- utility peers
- Wartsila Energy Solutions
- Washington State Department of Community
- Washington State Department of Enterprise Services
- Water Planet
- Western Grid Group
- Whitman County Commission

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Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) Stakeholder Group - Washington Focused

Intent: Following the enactment of Washington RCW 80.28.360, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) issued a Policy and Interpretative Statement regarding the regulation of Electric

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Vehicle Charging Services for investor-owned utilities (Docket UE-160799) and established a collaborative joint stakeholder group facilitated by WUTC Commission Staff. The purpose of this group is to address statewide concerns related to Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) deployment by investor-owned utilities, including review and feedback on new utility proposals.

Members: This group is facilitated by WUTC Commission Staff, and includes, at a minimum, representatives from:

- Avista
- PacifiCorp, Public Counsel
- Puget Sound Energy
- Washington Department of Commerce
- Washington Department of Transportation

Other parties may participate with invitation from WUTC staff, currently including but not limited to:

- Atlas Public Policy
- ChargePoint Inc.,
- Chelan PUD
- City of Seattle
- City of Tacoma
- Climate Solutions
- Collaborative Efficiency
- Energy Northwest
- ev.energy
- FlexCharging
- FLO Services USA Inc.
- Forth Mobility
- General Motors
- Ions for EVs.
- King County
- National Resources Defense Council (NRDC)
- NWECA
- Proterra
- Puget Sound Solar LLC
- Regulatory Assistance Project
- Renewable Hydrogen Alliance
- Shell Recharge Solutions
- Snohomish PUD
- Tesla
- The Ad Hoc Group Inc.
- The Energy Project,
- Washington Environmental Council
- WeaveGrid

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Natural Gas IRP Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) - Washington, Idaho, and Oregon Focused

Intent: Every natural gas utility bears the responsibility of meeting system demand by optimizing the mix of natural gas supply and conservation. Each utility is required to create an integrated resource plan (IRP) to fulfill this duty. These plans involve consultations with commission staff and public participation to help develop and effective strategy.

Members: Members can change, but current membership includes representation from:

- Avista
- Commission Staff of the IPUC
- OPUC
- WUTC
- Public Counsel
- The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board
- Energy Strategy
- RNG Coalition
- OR DEQ
- NW Energy Coalition
- Intermountain Gas
- Attorney General WA
- Idaho Conservation League
- Fortis BC
- Biomethane LLC
- Lewis & Clark Law School
- Northwest Power & Conservation Council
- Energy Trust of Oregon
- RNG Coalition
- Northwest Natural Gas
- Cascade Natural Gas
- Northwest Gas Association
- Alliance of Western Energy Consumers

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