



Equity Advisory Group – Equity Lens Session

Meeting Date: 05/22/2024
 Time: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
 Location: Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

Facilitator	Present	EAG Member	Member Organizations
Amber Lenhart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clyde Abrahamson	Spokane Indian Housing Authority
Avista Team Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Margee Chambers	Spokane Clean Air
Kelly Dengel	<input type="checkbox"/>	Connie Kliewer	NEWESD101
Annette Brandon	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clair Trapp	Rural Resources
Dan Blazquez	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joe Reilly	SNAP
Amanda Ghering	<input type="checkbox"/>	KJ January	Spectrum
James Gall	<input type="checkbox"/>	William von Bracht	Othello, school English as 2nd language
Tamara Bradley	<input type="checkbox"/>	Michele Bennington	Community member at large
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brook Beeler	Department of Ecology Eastern Region
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jupiter McGee	Sunrise Spokane Affiliation (youth led) (Facebook)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vanessa Strong	Spokane Public Library
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tami Dillion	Providence
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Latrice Williams	Community Member/ WA state board of Equity
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cindy Kimmet	Takesa Village
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carmen Groom	SNAP
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sandra Childers	Rural Resources
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jean Kindem	Aging & Long-Term Care of Eastern Washington
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karen Boone	Red Cross
		Guests	
		<i>Paj Nandi</i>	<i>DH</i>

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EAG Equity Lens Session Meeting Notes

I. Welcome & Introductions

Overview of Meeting: Rules and Intent

II. Partner Share

- DH Communications is contracting with Avista pertaining to customer communication/engagement efforts. We have a short survey for this team, will take approximately 12-15 minutes and hoping to have the survey completed by the EAG no later than Wednesday the 29th of May.
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III. CEIP/IRP Overview and Timeline

Reviewed CETA law (Senate Bill 5116)

- All Washington electric utilities must reach 100% clean energy supply by 2045

2025 – Coal-Free Washington State

2030 – Greenhouse Gas Neutral

2045 – 100% Non-Emitting



Reviewed Future Planning steps

Future Planning



Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) – Every 4 years

Due: January 2025



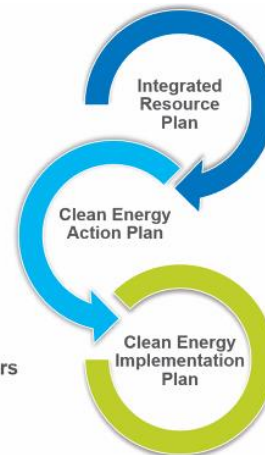
Clean Energy Action Plan (CEAP) – Every 4 years

Due: January 2025



Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) – Every 4 Years

Due: November 2025, for 2026-2029 period



Reviewed 14 current Customer Benefit Indicators

Reviewed detail over of what's next for CBI discussions

What's Next



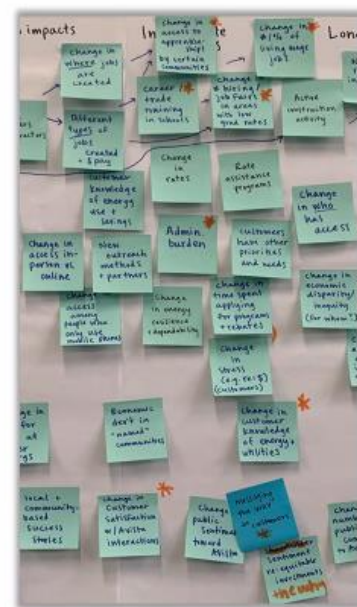
- **Member:** On slide #8, how close is the state of WA to meeting coal free by 2025?
- **Company:** Only familiar with one coal plant, Avista and Puget Sound Energy share a portion of Coal strip in Montana to make plans to not be owners in the plant any longer, Avista has a sale agreement with NW energy who operates in Montana. Centralia coal plant will close in the end of 2025. We are not aware of what PSE or PacificCorp will be doing with their coal generated resources, sounds like they will reallocate their coal energy to their other states they serve.

IV. April EAG Session Recap and New CBI Brainstorming

Discussion: Reviewed potential topics for new CBIs such as new energy resources, reducing energy use in homes through pilots and energy efficiency programs, then named communities investment fund and public participation.

Reminder: April 2024 In-Person EAG Meeting Agenda

- High-level review of **Clean Energy Implementation Plan** targets and tracking of **customer benefit indicators**
- Group discussion on possible impacts of the Clean Energy Implementation Plan — especially among **named communities** — to identify additional customer benefit indicators



April 2024 In-Person EAG Meeting Discussion Summary

- Brainstorming of possible impacts and CBIs
 - New energy resources
 - Energy efficiency and programs
 - Demand response pilots
 - Names Communities Investment Fund
 - Public Participation
- Opportunities for collaboration



Member: Are the pilots for commercial and residential?

Company: Yes, it is for both.

Member: With the EE programs, it seems like there will be an inequity in the rental market or those in older homes around the energy usage.

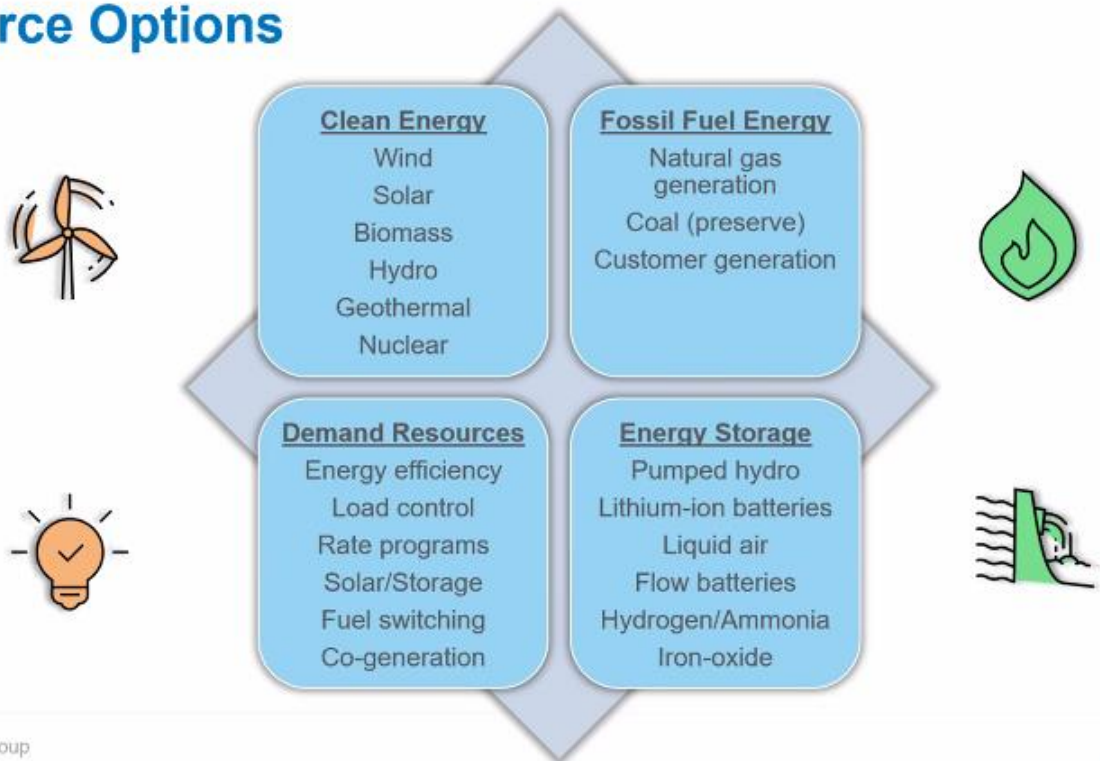
Facilitator: We are taking notes on that, so thank you for sharing.

Member: This goes back to those who are building on smaller lots, low income who will live in these building, what kind of services will Avista provide that will allow them to reduce their electrical usage?

Company: They would qualify for rebates or my energy discount etc.,

Reviewed Avista's Energy Resources to meet energy demands of the community and potential resources into the future.

Resource Options



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Member: I like that this is laid out so clearly but I am new to Avista's ways of operations and so when I look at biomass and geothermal and nuclear, I kind of understand what it means but I

feel like I don't, so I am glad for this education, but in honesty, if I had to make decisions based on this, I could not make the wisest decision but I still have a lot to learn about.

Facilitator: I agree, I still need help with some of the terms, thank you James for your explanations.

Company: Explained the decision factors used while choosing and discussing resources.

Company: Check out the videos here to learn more [About Our Energy Mix \(myavista.com\)](http://myavista.com)

Company: All great points Karen. One item we should have done in the new few weeks is a CETA/CEIP FAQ (on paper) which I am sure will be helpful as well.

CBI Exercise with Miro board with what CBIs already are existing.

Member: Can we get an email definition of terms pertaining to resources?

Facilitator: We will talk that through and see what we can do

Member: My Energy Discount and people signing up for that and being eligible for SNAP benefits also, it would be great if you needed the help if the website had a pop up to ask if people have looked to see if they are eligible.

V. Your Support Team and Next Meeting

- Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 18th instead of Wednesday the 19th this month and Friday June 21st.
- Please sign up for our quarterly newsletter if you have not already and we hope to see you all in June

VI. Additional Resources

<i>Resource Link</i>	<i>Description</i>
Washington's Clean Energy Future	Avista page for CETA related activities
Clean Energy Transformation Act	Clean Energy Transformation Act - Washington State Department of Commerce
Chapter 19.405 RCW	Laws and Regulations: Revised Code of Washington Investor-owned utilities
Chapter 480-100 WAC	Laws and Regulations: Washington Administrative Code Investor-owned utilities
WA Energy Strategy	Washington State Energy Strategy
CETA Overview	CETA overview and interim assessment