

## Discussion Questions

### Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting #2

Feb. 10, 2021

The Climate Protection Program will limit and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from some of the most significant sources in Oregon. DEQ aims to design a program that is anchored in significant emissions reductions, while promoting equitable outcomes and containing costs to consumers.

### Overview

Below are some initial discussion questions and requests for comment for the Feb. 17, 2021 rulemaking advisory committee meeting for the rulemaking for the Climate Protection Program. Discussion topics, questions, and comments are not limited to these questions. These questions are provided in advance to support advisory committee and public engagement.

### Discussion Questions

At the Jan. 14, 2021 advisory committee meeting, DEQ presented initial leanings on a number of program design mechanisms. In response, DEQ received a broad range of comments on these leanings.

Many of the comments DEQ received on compliance flexibility mechanisms, including banking, trading, and alternative compliance options, and multi-year compliance periods supported broad inclusion of these mechanisms, while others supported limitations. To support discussion of compliance flexibility mechanisms:

1. Which mechanism(s) do you find the most effective for supporting emissions reductions, containing costs, and equitable outcomes? Which do you find the least effective in achieving these goals? Why?
2. What are your thoughts on whether/how the program could include structuring alternative compliance options to drive investments that reduce greenhouse gases in ways that most benefit Oregon's impacted communities?

Many of the comments DEQ received generally supported multi-year compliance periods and DEQ's initial three-year leaning. DEQ also received suggestions for extending and reducing the compliance period. To support discussion of multi-year compliance periods:

3. What other compliance period lengths might be considered? Why?
4. What are your thoughts on having a relatively longer compliance period for the program's first compliance period, but shorter ones in the future?

To support understanding point of regulation:

5. What are your thoughts on benefits of regulating all natural gas utilities? Do you see any additional benefit to regulating natural gas for large stationary sources at the source, instead of the utility?



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6. Do you have any additional thoughts or comments on the DEQ leanings for point of regulation?

## **Written Comments**

In addition to comments and discussion at the meeting, DEQ is requesting additional comments by end of day Feb. 26, 2021 submitted to [GHGCR2021@deq.state.or.us](mailto:GHGCR2021@deq.state.or.us).

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