



Oregon Energy Strategy
 Policy Working Group Plenary Meeting #1
 Developing Clean Electricity Generation and Transmission Breakout
February 12, 2025, 11:15am – 12:00pm.

Post-Meeting Notes

Meeting Summary

ODOE reviewed the role of the Developing Clean Electricity Generation and Transmission Policy Working Group in the context of Phase 2 Working Group efforts and provided detail on the five key findings relevant to the Developing Clean Electricity Generation and Transmission PWG. ODOE explained how the modeling findings should inform PWG efforts in Phase 2 and the basic meeting structure and objectives planned for Phase 2. ODOE discussed with PWG members their interests for the Energy Strategy and asked that PWG prepare for the next meeting by thinking of barriers related to the key findings pertaining to clean electricity generation and transmission.

In-Meeting Notes

Participants

| ODOE | Oregon Agencies | WG Members |
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| Joni Sliger | Jeremy Thompson, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife | Sidney Villanueva - NIPPC |
| Jason Sierman | Nataliya Stranadko, Oregon Department of State Lands | Dan Dorran, Umatilla County |
| Hugh Arceneaux | Gabriela Goldfarb, Oregon Health Authority | Kelly Howsley Glover, Wasco County Community Development, Columbia River Gorge/East Central Oregon |
| | | Laura Tabor, The Nature Conservancy |
| | | Robert Waldher - Umatilla County |
| | | Kelly Campbell, Policy Director, Columbia Riverkeeper |
| | | Justin DeMello, City of Hillsboro |
| | | Jennifer Joly, OMEU |
| | | Diane Brandt, Renewable NW |
| | | Jacob Goodspeed, PGE |
| | | Shannon Souza, Sol Coast Consulting & Design on behalf of OCEAN & OSSIA |
| | | Mark Healy, Climate Resilience task force member, Coquille Indian Tribe |

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| | | Hannah Dondy-Kaplan, Bonneville Power Administration |
| | | Chris Golightly, CRITFC |
| | | Ranfis Villatoro, BlueGreen Alliance |
| | | Jared Hansen, Idaho Power |
| | | Jason Heuser EWEB |
| | | Crystal Grinnell, Oregon Water Resources Department |
| | | Ryan Perry, Tillamook PUD, Oregon PUD Association |

Introduction

- Joni Sliger (ODOE) welcomed the group and introduced the purpose of this Working Group
- Joni reiterated that expectations for the working group are important for our conversations
- Joni went over the agenda for this meeting, stating that ODOE hopes to conclude the breakout session with a round robin of folks’ policy interests
- 2/12 meeting
 - Today’s meeting is based on building shared understanding; future meetings will provide for more discussion.
 - ODOE is also working with CETI to provide office-hours for future opportunities to discuss the modeling
- Joni introduced the meeting roster and stated that ODOE will provide for multiple sources for PWG member engagement, including the [public comment portal](#).
- Joni stated that the modeling results are not the energy modeling themselves but are not the Strategy itself; Joni presented on the high-level modeling key findings.¹
- Key finding 1
 - The model projects significant, near-term load-growth. From 2024 to 2030, demand increases by a third, largely because of tech load; Joni emphasizes that this load growth is uncertain.
- Key finding 2
 - Both in-state and out-of-state resources contribute to a least-cost supply portfolio
- Key finding 3
 - Oregon currently lacks sufficient transmission capacity to meet needed electricity flows; Joni presented on chart showing interzonal transportation projections from the modeling
- Key finding 4

¹ The key findings, as presented, are available [here](#) at pp 13-22. The key findings are discussed in more detail [here](#).

- The model consistently builds more generation and capacity across all scenarios
- Key finding 5
 - Decarbonizing Oregon's electricity may require more policy action
- Overall, where does this leave us? The modeling provides direction, but input from PWG members is needed to develop recommendations and expand upon the modeling's findings.
- Joni presented on the framework for developing recommended policy actions. ODOE has developed a PWG plan in the form of a matrix intended to be used in a step-by-step process, similar for each PWG. To the extent there is overlap between PWG activities, Joni and the ODOE team will coordinate and aim to share relevant materials
- Upcoming meeting schedule
 - Joni explained that March meeting will include complementary analyses, which are dependent on modeling results. April plenary meeting has been turned into a PWG breakout meeting, with a new PWG plenary meeting planned for May 21
- Considerations for next meeting:
 - For our next PWG breakout meeting, Joni asked that PWG members consider primary barriers or competing priorities
- Question: are there definitions for the categories in today's column?
 - There are not specific definitions; the categories presented in the matrix shown are intended to be a useful starting point to begin policy discussions and organize ideas. In today's conversation, we hope to identify priority topics for folks, which we will use to examine the categories named or otherwise add
 - Alan: the role of the PWG is to help in providing information to inform recommendations; and interests folks have that don't fall neatly within these categories could be put in a parking lot
- Dan Dorran (Umatilla County) said it'd be useful information to see which energy will be transmitted out of zones
- Nataliya Stranadko (DSL)
 - To make discussions productive, it would be beneficial to receive agenda and materials a week ahead of time; PWG members need time to discuss
 - Also, providing ODOE documentation of current policies to review would be helpful
 - Joni: since adding the May meeting, we'll have 3-three hour meetings; ODOE is working to share materials to tee up future meeting conversations
- Joni: round-robin of what folks would like to discuss in this PWG
 - Laura Tabor; question. Today should we be going over the items listed in the first column of the matrix?
 - Joni; they're intended to foster and structure conversation, but are not meant to be restrictive or set in stone.
 - Alan; agrees, these are intended to be helpful and somewhat guide conversation

- Fred Heutte: comment
 - Slides show variation in demand; 30% increased load growth in 6 years
 - Wants to highlight the uncertainty in that finding; the Strategy doesn't directly address the short-term projections of tech load growth
 - The demand uncertainty in the immediate future is abnormal; thinks we should address this uncertainty in policy recommendations
- Alan Zelenka
 - Modeling projects overall energy demand decrease, but a large amount of load growth to be driven by NWPPCC data. One of the sensitivities tested what if a lower amount were projected
- Joni; does not expect to reach consensus with the current call or even by the end of the PWG process, but expects the PWG to elevate priorities for consideration by the Strategy
- Shannon Souza:
 - Considering framework for organizing discussion and topics. On the topic of energy resilience; clean dispatchable resources or top of mind for Shannon. Not just for electrons; we need clean, dispatchable transportation. Expects overlap with the fuels group
 - Agrees load growth is uncertain.
 - Maritime fuels decarbonization and focus on Seattle and Tacoma; Shannon wants to note that Pacific Coast Intermodal Port being planned in Oregon, near Coos Bay, with trade partners in China and Japan, that has a focus on decarbonized fuels
 - Joni stated that Oregon hopes to record and share materials on areas of overlapping interests between PWGs
- Ranfis Villatoro (BlueGreen Alliance)
 - Would like to hear about a breakdown of clean energy resources outside of Oregon to meet Oregon needs; says workforces, construction labor needs are connected between Oregon and other states. Getting a landscape of regional construction needs can inform policies; doesn't want to create redundancies in workforce development policies, especially for apprenticeship, when reciprocity could serve.
 - So, would be useful to see this out-of-state construction breakdown to discuss workforce recommendations
 - Alan: some workforce discussions will be pending BW jobs analysis with results in July
- Amber Faist
 - Would like to lift the topic area of Rural and Tribal communities needing equitable access to transmission infrastructure to integrate renewable energy projects, reduce reliance on costly upgrades, and ensure local energy sovereignty. Prioritizing microgrids, streamlined grid

interconnection, and federal investment can support energy resilience, economic development, and community-led planning.

- Nataliya; there is a new program on climate change carbon storage strategy. Wonders if ODOE has coordinated with this initiative
 - Joni will look into this initiative
 - Alan; natural working lands commission is similar; requests that Nataliya send further information
- Joni thanked the PWG for their participation and adjourned the meeting breakout.

Virtual Meeting Chat

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from Sidney Villanueva - Blue Skies Law to everyone in this session: 11:18 AM

Sidney Villanueva - NIPPC

from Jeremy Thompson- ODFW to everyone in this session: 11:19 AM

Jeremy Thompson, Statewide Energy Coordinator, Oregon Fish and Wildlife

from Dan Dorrان, Umatilla County to everyone in this session: 11:19 AM

Dan Dorrان, Umatilla County Commissioner

from Kelly to everyone in this session: 11:19 AM

Kelly Howsley Glover, Wasco County Community Development, Columbia River Gorge/East Central Oregon

from Laura Tabor to everyone in this session: 11:19 AM

Laura Tabor, The Nature Conservancy

from Robert Waldher - Umatilla County to everyone in this session: 11:19 AM

Bob Waldher, Alternate Member for Umatilla County

from Kelly Campbell to everyone in this session: 11:19 AM

Kelly Campbell, Policy Director, Columbia Riverkeeper she/her

from Justin DeMello to everyone in this session: 11:19 AM

Justin DeMello, City of Hillsboro

from Gabriela Goldfarb she/her to everyone in this session: 11:19 AM

Gabriela Goldfarb, Environmental Public Health Section Manager, Oregon Health Authority.

from Jennifer Joly, OMEU to everyone in this session: 11:19 AM

Jennifer Joly, OR Municipal Electric Utilities Assn (11 munis statewide)

from Diane Brandt, RNW to everyone in this session: 11:19 AM

Diane Brandt, Renewable NW, Regional and state focus

from Jacob Goodspeed - PGE to everyone in this session: 11:19 AM

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from Nataliya Stranadko to everyone in this session: 11:19 AM

Nataliya Stranadko, Oregon Department of State Lands

from Shannon Souza to everyone in this session: 11:19 AM

Shannon Souza, Sol Coast Consulting & Design on behalf of OCEAN & OSSIA. OCEAN - coastal communities, OSSIA entire state.

from Mark Healy to everyone in this session: 11:19 AM

Mark Healy, Climate Resilience task force member, Coquille Indian Tribe

from Hannah Dondy-Kaplan BPA to everyone in this session: 11:19 AM

Hannah Dondy-Kaplan, Bonneville Power Administration

from Chris Golightly, she/her, CRITFC to everyone in this session: 11:19 AM

Chris Golightly, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission ... tribal communities in east-central Oregon

from Jared Hansen, Idaho Power to everyone in this session: 11:20 AM

Jared Hansen, Idaho Power, We're mostly in Idaho, but serve a small area in eastern Oregon.

from Jason Heuser to everyone in this session: 11:20 AM

Jason Heuser Eugene Water and Electric Board EWEB

from Crystal Grinnell to everyone in this session: 11:20 AM

Crystal Grinnell, Oregon Water Resources Department, statewide

from Ryan Perry to everyone in this session: 11:21 AM

Ryan Perry, Tillamook PUD, Oregon PUD Association

from Jason Sierman ODOE to everyone in this session: 11:23 AM

Welcome, all! This is Jason Sierman, Sr. Policy Analyst with ODOE. Joni and I work on the same team. I will be monitoring the chat, helping to elevate questions best answered by a speaker and helping to respond to questions directly in the chat as needed

from Nataliya Stranadko to everyone in this session: 11:23 AM

Office hours with Jeremy is great idea!

from Amber Faist to everyone in this session: 11:23 AM

Amber Faist, Northwest Native Chamber, statewide, EJ Workgroup member

from Petra Schuetz to everyone in this session: 11:23 AM

Petra Schuetz, Interim Community Development Department, Benton County

from Sidney Villanueva - Blue Skies Law to everyone in this session: 11:24 AM

Joni, can you share this slide deck with this group?

from Rory Isbell to everyone in this session: 11:24 AM

Rory Isbell, Rural Lands Program Director & Staff Attorney, Central Oregon LandWatch.

from Fred Heutte NWECC to everyone in this session: 11:24 AM

Fred Heutte, NW Energy Coalition (Portland staff), we are in the four NW states and have membership in BC, as well as involvement westwide especially on transmission, markets and clean energy policy

from Joshua Basofin to everyone in this session: 11:24 AM

Joshua Basofin, Climate Solutions

from Alan Zelenka to everyone in this session: 11:24 AM

Alan Zelenka - Assistant Director for Planning & Innovation, ODOE. The OSES Team is in my Division.

from Gabriela Goldfarb she/her to everyone in this session: 11:25 AM

Jason, you can add me to this group. Gabriela Goldfarb, Oregon Health Authority

from Jason Sierman ODOE to everyone in this session: 11:25 AM

All, we'll share these slides out afterwards - likely posted to OES website

from Jason Sierman ODOE to everyone in this session: 11:25 AM

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/Data-and-Reports/Pages/Oregon-Energy-Strategy-Engagement.aspx>

from Jennifer Joly, OMEU to everyone in this session: 11:25 AM

Will you send out these slides after the meeting today?

from Masha Cole OPHI to everyone in this session: 11:25 AM

Masha Cole, OPHI, Portland Metro Area

from Jason Sierman ODOE to everyone in this session: 11:26 AM

Thanks, Gabriela! We'll get you added

from Alan Zelenka to everyone in this session: 11:27 AM

It would be great if everyone in this breakout group could please turn on your camera. Thanks.

from Nataliya Stranadko to everyone in this session: 11:28 AM

Jessica mentioned in the main session that all slides and additional materials will be sent out before the second WG meeting.

from Jennifer Joly, OMEU to everyone in this session: 11:29 AM

Hoping to do some homework and have slides ASAP since they are already available. Thanks.

from Jason Sierman ODOE to everyone in this session: 11:31 AM

We can send a follow-up email to work group members when slide materials and other resource documents are uploaded and available on website

from Nataliya Stranadko to everyone in this session: 11:31 AM

We discussed in the meetings before - it would be great if ODOE can prepare a list of the current existing policies/rules related to the issues we are discussing. So, we can see where are gaps based on the model results and how they are interconnected with other agencies' rules that we need to address.

from Hugh Arceneaux ODOE to everyone in this session: 11:31 AM

Yep - we are planning to post meeting materials by the end of this week

from Ryan Perry to everyone in this session: 11:32 AM

I would second Nataliya's comment

from Jason Sierman ODOE to everyone in this session: 11:34 AM

Thanks, Nataliya - to your point, we're preparing some resource documents and slide materials to help visualize primary examples of many of Oregon's existing policies to help guide our discussions

from Kelly to everyone in this session: 11:34 AM

Are there definitions for the categories in today's column?

from Jennifer Joly, OMEU to everyone in this session: 11:37 AM

I had same question.

from Gabriela Goldfarb she/her to everyone in this session: 11:37 AM

How is "responsible" defined, in particular

from Jennifer Joly, OMEU to everyone in this session: 11:38 AM

What does Interdependence mean? With what?

from Jennifer Joly, OMEU to everyone in this session: 11:45 AM

We also need to address shortcomings in the strategies. Explicit pros/cons