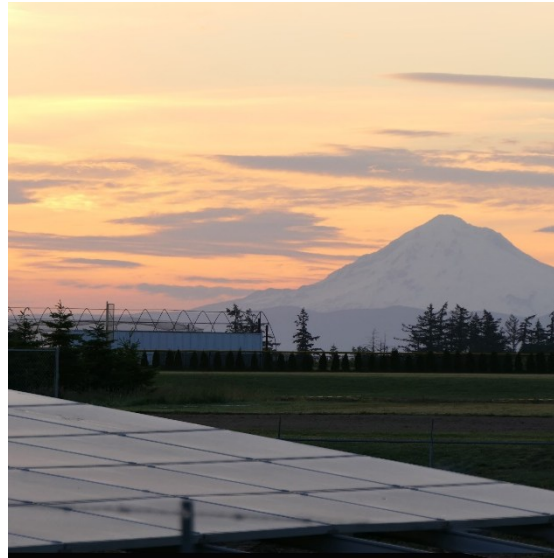


# Oregon Department of **ENERGY**

## Oregon Energy Strategy Advisory Group Meeting #14

Edith Bayer  
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## 2025 marks ODOE's 50<sup>th</sup> year serving Oregon!

In 1975, the Oregon Legislature created the Oregon Department of Energy following the oil crisis of the early 1970s.

The statute creating the agency noted that continued growth and demand for non-renewable energy poses a serious and immediate – and future – problem. It also declared a goal that ODOE promote the efficient use of energy resources and develop permanent energy resources – a goal that continues today as ODOE works to develop a new state energy strategy and Oregon prepares for new electricity needs and load growth.

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/About-Us/Pages/50-years.aspx>





# OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Leading Oregon to a safe, equitable, clean, and sustainable energy future.

## Our Mission

The Oregon Department of Energy helps Oregonians make informed decisions and maintain a resilient and affordable energy system. We advance solutions to shape an equitable clean energy transition, protect the environment and public health, and responsibly balance energy needs and impacts for current and future generations.

## What We Do

On behalf of Oregonians across the state, the Oregon Department of Energy achieves its mission by providing:

- A Central Repository of Energy Data, Information, and Analysis
- A Venue for Problem-Solving Oregon's Energy Challenges
- Energy Education and Technical Assistance
- Regulation and Oversight
- Energy Programs and Activities



Edith Welcome

# Meeting Objectives

- Reflection on themes and insights from interviews, highlighting areas of alignment and divergence.
- Discussion of key issue topics to surface priorities, challenges, and opportunities.
- Shared visioning around the strategy framework and identification of next steps for implementation.
- Space for member reflections on the process and priorities moving forward.





# AGENDA

TIME	TOPIC
9:00 – 9:30 am	Welcome, Agenda, Introductions, Updates
9:30 – 10:15 am	Reflection from Interviews and Common Themes Heard, Discussion
10:15 – 10:50 am	Key Issue Topics Discussion
10:50 – 11:00 am	Break
11:00 – 11:10 am	Vision for the Strategy and Next Steps for Implementation
11:10 – 11:50 am	Round Robin: Member Reflections
11:50 am – 12:00 pm	Appreciation and Adjourn

# GROUP AGREEMENTS

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- Honor the agenda or modify by agreement.
- Listen carefully; seek to learn and understand each other's perspective.
- Encourage respectful, candid, and constructive conversation.
- Keep an open mind.
- Ask questions to clarify and understand why.
- Be open, transparent, inclusive, and accountable.
- Respect differing opinions.
- Seek to resolve differences and find common ground.
- Be conscious of speaking time; step back to allow space for others to contribute.
- Limit chat conversations.



# ADVISORY GROUP MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

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Please introduce yourself  
(name, affiliation)





# Reflection from Interviews and Common Themes Heard

# What We Heard from Interviews - Strengths

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- Professional and respectful process
- Organized process and scenario analysis
- Attention to resilience, cross-cutting actions, and equity framework
- Emphasis on electrification and energy efficiency as central pathways
- Inclusion of new large loads such as data centers
- Acknowledgment of tribal engagement

# What We Heard from Interviews – Concerns and Priorities

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- Desire for a clearer, inspiring vision and goals
- Need for affordability focus: transparent costs, grants over loans, realistic near-term steps
- Call for specificity and sequencing: triage near-, mid-, long-term actions with clear owners and authorities
- Importance of clarity in terminology (e.g., pathways vs. pillars, COU vs IOU, “strategic electrification”)
- Broad agreement on reliability and resilience as priorities, but perspectives varied across interests
- Mixed views on fuels: fuel switching policy, limited natural gas as a bridge, propane role in rural resilience
- Urgency on transmission and siting: streamlined permitting, alignment with authorities, land use, and feasibility
- Requests for stronger equity integration in actions and funding

# Key Issue Topics Discussion

# Key Issue – Reality and Feasibility

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- Ground recommendations in practical feasibility
- Acknowledge implementation barriers, cost limitations, and budget constraints
- Identify which actions are realistically achievable in the near term

# Key Issue – Reliability

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- Importance of integrating resource adequacy and load growth into the strategy
- Stronger connections to transmission planning and clearer pathways to ensure that the system can meet growing demand

# Key Issue - Resilience

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- Community level preparedness and the role of distributed energy resources, flexible demand, and backup capacity
- Strong interest in ensuring that households and communities can withstand disruptions and recover quickly
- Clearer distinction between utility system resilience and community resilience
- Importance of integrating extreme weather risks and other utility scale challenges



# Key Issue – Affordability and Funding

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- Concerns about rising energy costs, limited effectiveness of loans for low-income households
- A need for transparent cost analysis and more emphasis on grants

# Key Issue- Land Use

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- Desire for a larger conversation on balanced land use, better use and user clarity for siting tools, and concrete steps to resolve conflicts that otherwise stall projects

# Key Issue – Policy Specificity and Sequencing

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- Clearer priorities, explicit responsibilities, and a sequenced roadmap
- Tie priorities to modeling insights and real-world feasibility

# Vision for the Strategy and Next Steps for Implementation

# KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED TODAY

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Reality and Feasibility

Reliability

Resilience

Affordability and  
Funding

Land Use

Policy  
Specificity/Sequencing

# FRAMING THE DISCUSSION

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- ✓ The energy strategy is the start, not the end!
- ✓ Focus of the energy strategy – long-term vision and near-term actions (next four years)



# Discussion

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- Are there any topics missing from the list we just reviewed?
- Is there anything you've seen or heard here you'd like to lift up or have additional reflections on?



# Round Robin: Member Reflections

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## Guiding questions:

- Reflecting on your experience in the Advisory Group, what has been most valuable or meaningful?
- Looking ahead, what gives you hope or confidence about how this strategy could shape Oregon's energy future?

# Closing

# Thank You!

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We deeply appreciate the time, thought, and energy you have contributed to this Advisory Group.



Your insights and perspectives have shaped the Energy Strategy in meaningful ways



Your willingness to share diverse experiences and expertise has strengthened the process



Your commitment to collaboration and problem solving has provided valuable guidance for ODOE and for Oregon's energy future

**Thank you for your dedication, partnership,  
and support throughout this process!**

# NEXT STEPS

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**September 22:** Public comments due

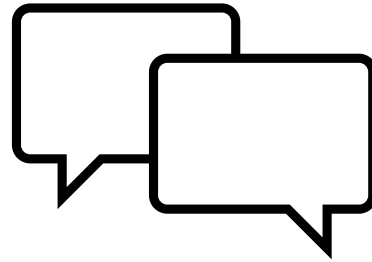
**November 1:** Final report to Governor and legislature

**November / December:** Advisory Group meeting to discuss final report and next steps



# OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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Provide written public comment

<https://odoe.powerappsportals.us/en-US/energy-strategy/>

# Thank You!

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