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MEMORANDUM

To: Energy Advisory Work Group Members

From: Janine Benner, Director

Date: April 3, 2025

Re: Materials for April 10, 2025 EAWG Meeting

With the 2025 legislative session in full swing, we know it's a busy period and we appreciate you taking the time to connect with ODOE this month. We're looking forward to hearing about your priorities in the legislative session and sharing updates with you on a few key ODOE projects. We also hope you'll provide feedback on these projects!

We'll start on the 10th with a brief update from me on a few items related to federal funding and agency activities and then we'll have a roundtable with a focus on legislative session. We're interested in hearing from you about what bills you're watching and general takeaways from the legislative session so far.

After the roundtable, we'll provide an update on [ODOE's bills](#) and other major legislation we're tracking. We'll get a deeper dive on some of the nuclear proposals from our Nuclear Safety and Energy Security Team.

Our team has been very active on the [Oregon Energy Strategy](#), working closely with many of you and your organizations to review [modeling results](#) and start policy discussions. The team will provide a process update but is also interested in knowing what you're hearing and if there is anything you'd like to elevate for us as we develop recommendations. We won't have time to go through all of the modeling results at our EAWG meeting, but encourage you to review the "key model findings" documents for each topic on the [Energy Strategy Working Groups](#) webpage for more information.

We're also looking forward to providing an update on how ODOE is engaging in [various Columbia Basin hydropower activities](#), including implementation of Governor Kotek's [executive order](#) from last year. The Governor's office will join us for this conversation.

You may have seen the [Energy Hub for Incentive Programs & Projects in Oregon](#), the new resource that we affectionately refer to as the Energy HIPPO. We'll walk through this resource, which we're also working to improve over time.

Finally, the Governor's office has issued [new guidance for agencies on administrative rulemaking](#), with a focus on transparency and accountability. ODOE is already mostly in compliance with this guidance, but we will be making some changes to our webpage and our process that we'll highlight for you — and we'd love to hear any ideas you have on how to make ODOE's rulemaking more transparent, accessible, and accountable.

Thanks in advance for taking some time out of your busy April to join us.

Attachments/List of links

- ODOE's Bills for the 2025 Legislative Session - <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/About-Us/Pages/legislative-agenda.aspx>
- Oregon Energy Strategy Key Model Findings by Topic:
 - Building Efficiency, Electrification, and Distributed Energy Resources - <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/Data-and-Reports/Documents/OES-Buildings-Key-Findings.pdf>
 - Developing Clean Electricity Generation and Transmission - <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/Data-and-Reports/Documents/OES-Generation-Transmission-Key-Findings.pdf>
 - Low-carbon Fuels - <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/Data-and-Reports/Documents/OES-Low-Carbon-Fuels-Key-Findings.pdf>
 - Transportation Electrification - <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/Data-and-Reports/Documents/OES-Transportation-Electrification-Key-Findings.pdf>
- Backgrounder on Recent Columbia Basin Hydropower Developments - <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/energy-oregon/Documents/ODOE-Columbia-Basin-Hydro.pdf>
- Executive Order 24-28 - <https://www.oregon.gov/gov/eo/eo-24-28.pdf>
- Energy Hub for Incentive Programs and Projects in Oregon - <https://incentives.oregon.gov/>
- Governor's Guidance on Agency administrative rulemaking - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dhq-QE7GZmqBFGuZ4-ECUo4j-l4mH302/view>



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AGENDA

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DATE: April 10, 2025

TIME: 2:00PM – 4:00PM

Oregon Department of Energy – via WebEx

Member Link:

<https://oregondepartmentofenergy.webex.com/oregondepartmentofenergy/j.php?MTID=m34a15c87e70e98896a1518ba56567f42>

Password: EAWG

Call-in number: 1-650-479-3208 | 2663 079 4032

Time	Topic	Lead
2:00PM	Director Update	Janine Benner, Director
2:10PM	Roundtable – Legislative Focus	All
2:40PM	Session Update	Christy Splitt, Government Relations Coordinator
2:50PM	Nuclear Bills	Max Woods, Assistant Director Nuclear Safety & Energy Security
3:05PM	Energy Strategy Update	Edith Bayer, Energy Systems Senior Policy Analyst
3:25PM	Columbia Basin Restoration Initiative Executive Order	Anne Thrall-Nash, Clean Energy Innovator Fellow Jim McKenna, Office of Governor Kotek
3:40PM	Energy Hub for Incentive Programs & Projects in Oregon	Stephanie Kruse, Facilities Engineer
3:50PM	New Rulemaking Guidance	Jenny Kalez, Communications Director
3:55PM	Closing Comments	All