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Date & Time: Thursday, May 27, 2021 from 1:30 – 4:30 pm PT

Access Options: **Option #1** – Join the Zoom [videoconference](#). Pre-registration is not required. Passcode is **&fgmEvJ9b**

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Workshop Agenda

Section	Time
Introduction and Overview	1:30
Natural Gas Ratemaking 101 and Q&A	2:00
Break	2:45
Oregon Natural Gas Industry Snapshot and Q&A	2:55
Natural Gas Fact Finding Scope & Schedule and Q&A	3:35
Closing Remarks and Feedback	4:05

Meeting Objectives

1. Introduce and discuss key background information on **ratemaking** for regulated natural gas utilities
2. Share progress to date in assembling a **foundational set of facts** to characterize gas utility operations in Oregon
3. Review and receive feedback on the **scope and schedule** of this Natural Gas Fact Finding

Public Participation

The public is welcome to join and participate in this and every other workshop. There is no requirement to register. This workshop will have at least four junctures to engage PUC staff, ask questions, and provide feedback on this fact finding.

Meeting Archival

This meeting will be recorded and video will be posted on the OPUC website. A link to the video will be sent to all attendees and the EO 20-04 service list. If you would like to join the service list for the Natural Gas Fact Finding, please go to the PUC's [Public Involvement](#) webpage to sign up. Just scroll to the bottom of the page, click the link that says, "Submit your request by [email](#)" under the heading **Monitor PUC Dockets**. In the subject line of your email enter "EO 20-04 Service List." Your email will be entered on to the EO 20-04 service list and you will automatically receive any future notifications.

When this Natural Gas Fact Finding is docketed, everyone on the EO 20-04 service list and everyone on the service lists for the most recent natural gas IRPs will be included on that docket's service list. If you have any other questions or comments please contact JP Batmale, jp.batmale@puc.oregon.gov (503) 551-9926, or Kim Herb, kim.herb@puc.oregon.gov (503) 428-3057.

Purpose of PUC's Natural Gas Fact Finding

Executive Order 20-04 (EO 20-04 or Order) established Governor Brown's ambitious and achievable greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goals for Oregon. The order established significant GHG reduction goals. Specifically:

- 45% below 1990 levels by 2035
- 80% below 1990 levels by 2050¹

EO 20-04 also directed state agencies to identify and prioritize actions to meet those goals. The specific directives to the PUC included:

- Reducing GHG emissions to meet the Executive Order at reasonable costs
- Addressing the disproportionate effect of climate change on impacted communities
- Evaluating wildfire safety and reducing those risks²

The purpose of this Fact Finding will be to analyze the potential natural gas utility bill impacts that may result from limiting GHG emissions of regulated natural gas utilities under the DEQ's Climate Protection Program and to identify appropriate regulatory tools to mitigate potential customer impacts. The ultimate goal of the Fact Finding will be to inform future policy decisions and other key analyses to be considered in 2022, once the CPP is in place.

¹ See Governor's Executive Order Page, EO 20-04, pg. 5

https://www.oregon.gov/gov/Documents/executive_orders/eo_20-04.pdf

² *Ibid*, pg. 8