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Date & Time: Monday, September 27, 2021 from 10:00 – 3:00 pm PT

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Workshop Agenda

Time	Section
10:00 – 10:10	Introduction and Workshop Overview
10:10 – 10:30	Workshop 3 Summary
10:30 – 12:00	Regulatory Assistance Project – Regulatory Tools Overview and Q&A¹
12:00 – 12:30	DEQ Climate Protection Program Update and Q&A
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch
1:30 – 2:15	Existing PUC Tools and Activities
2:15 – 3:00	Next Steps – Preparing for Workshop 4b

Meeting Objectives

1. **Share information about some existing and nascent regulatory tools**, including those to revitalize gas utility planning; enhance existing programs and policies; and reform rate-making to achieve natural gas, and broader system GHG emission goals while mitigating and equitably distributing costs and risks.
2. Provide a forum to **deepen stakeholder understanding** of different regulatory tools and inform the questions to consider when evaluating specific regulatory tools.
3. Update on **existing complementary regulatory tools** at Department of Environmental Quality and Public Utility Commission.

Public Participation

The public is welcome to join and participate in this and every other workshop. This workshop will provide multiple opportunities to engage PUC staff, ask questions, and provide feedback on this fact finding.

¹ RAP will reference work they did associated with their paper [Under Pressure: Gas Utility Regulation for a Time of Transition](#). Participants may find it useful to familiarize themselves with this paper in advance of the workshop.

Meeting Archival

This meeting will be recorded and video will be posted on the OPUC website. Any and all comments or questions posted using the Zoom Q&A feature will be retained as part of the public record, but will not be released unless requested. A link to the video will be sent to all attendees that have provided contact information and the [UM 2178](#) service list. If you would like to join the service list for the Natural Gas Fact Finding, please email PUC.HEARINGS@puc.oregon.gov with your contact information and referencing UM 2178 in the subject and you will be added as a party. As a party to the docket, you will receive emails when new documents are added or there is a change to the schedule. You may request to be removed at any time.

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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