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**Date & Time:** Tuesday, October 12 2021 from 9:00 AM – 12:30 pm PT

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## Workshop Agenda

Time	Section
9:00 – 9:15	<b>Introduction and Workshop Overview</b>
9:15 – 9:45	<b>PUC Existing Regulatory Tools – Ratemaking</b> – <i>Discussion of existing regulatory tools related to ratemaking that interact with gas company compliance with DEQ Climate Protection Program and broader decarbonization approaches.</i>
9:45 – 12:30	<b>Regulatory Assistance Project – Regulatory Tools Applications</b> – <i>Multiple breakout groups and full group work sessions exploring regulatory tools best suited to address Oregon’s decarbonization efforts, specifically in relation to gas utility decarbonization efforts.</i>

## Meeting Objectives

- Further explore existing and new regulatory tools** that appear well suited to address Oregon’s challenges in meeting GHG emission goals associated with natural gas and, as applicable, the broader regulated energy utility system in Oregon.
- Identify potential immediate, near-term, and longer-term regulatory actions** to inform Staff’s recommendations to the Commission in the Final Report.

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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 2050<sup>1</sup>

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 risks<sup>2</sup>

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