



Pacific Power Clean Energy Planning Engagement Series for Oregon Tribal Nations Public Notes

Friday, December 20, 2024, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Pacific Time

These notes were synthesized and summarized by E Source, Pacific Power’s meeting facilitation partner.

Executive Summary

December’s Clean Energy Planning Engagement Series for Oregon Tribal Nations public meeting was conducted via Zoom. The meeting was held on December 20, 2024, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. PT. Eleven individuals were in attendance. The meeting provided an opportunity to review the Biennial Report updates from the first round of feedback and offered room for members to provide additional feedback, suggestions, and critiques ahead of submission.

The following is a summary of the content and feedback received during the 3-hour public meeting

	AGENDA
	Objectives & Presenters
	Check In & Closing the Loop
	Updates
	Biennial Report Draft Review
	Break
	Year in Review; Year in Advance
	Public Comment & Closing

Attendees	Organization
Brian Boswell	Umpqua Indian Utility Cooperative
Amber Faist	Northwest Native Chamber

David Hill	
Mike Lofting	Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprise
Presenters	
Christina Medina	Stakeholder Policy & Engagement Manager
Tracy Moreland	Tribal Liaison
Jeffrey Daigle	Facilitator, E Source
Zanya Morgan	Facilitator, E Source
Morgan Westberry	Facilitator, E Source
PacifiCorp Affiliated Attendees	
Christian Marble	Communications Specialist
Tag Gavin-Darnieder	Facilitator, E Source

Meeting Notes

Opening

Pacific Power’s Christina Medina welcomed participants to the December Clean Energy Planning Tribal Nations Engagement meeting. Pacific Power is seeking to offer a space for meaningful dialogue and an opportunity to help offer lens on the work that is happening at the utility, as well as anywhere consultation can help to influence that work. Morgan Westberry, from the E Source facilitation team, then opened the meeting by reviewing the agenda, introducing presenters, and sharing meeting experience items. The information presented in the meeting will be posted online as a resource.

Closing the Loop

Tracy Moreland, Tribal Liaison, recapped the October meeting, including:

- Dissecting the Introduction and Community Based Indicators sections of the Biennial Report.
- Facilitating a feedback session to better understand the report’s impact and identify key areas for improvement.

Check In

Morgan Westberry, Facilitator, “checked-in” with meeting attendees by asking: *What is a new practice that has worked well for you this year?*

- Practicing meditation
- Being more mindful of health and safety
- Learning how to navigate new technology

Biennial Report Update

Christina Medina reviewed the feedback received from the first review cycle of the biennial report and the subsequent changes made. Overall, most feedback fell into two sections: clarity of the report and opportunities to include additional topics.

Clarity of the report:

- Help clarify LC82 and its impact on this report
- Provide a 1–2-page summary of the report
- Better define the purpose and add intentionality to the report
- Include what the Company has learned from the Tribal Nations group, what has worked well, and challenges faced

Changes made:

- Created an adapted summary to reflect the elements requested by advisors

Opportunities to include additional topics:

- A glossary to help make it easier to navigate
- Inclusions of additional technical topics
- Additional data tables to tell the story
- Information on topics such as rates, wildfires, etc.
- Adding a dedicated space for Tribal Nations and interested parties

Changes made:

- Glossary added to define acronyms and energy specific terms

Christina Medina reiterated that since the last draft was shared, more changes were made to the biennial report, all feedback was shared across engagement spaces for members to hear different perspectives and share additional feedback. Currently, the draft has been shared with the executive team and will be finalized and submitted to the Commission. A major change that was added is the addition of potential cost risks related to clean energy, per member feedback. Tribal Nations members specifically expressed cost issues related to clean energy planning for their members.

There is still more work to be done as more biennial reports follow, however, this inaugural report has done a great job of laying the foundation moving forward. In 2025, there will be reports published that are more technical such as the IRP and Clean Energy Plan in Oregon which will offer more complex details. Although these reports are more technical, the accessibility goal remains the same: making sure the content is understood and useful.

In January, the Oregon Public Utilities Commission will present at the Tribal Nations Engagement meeting to explain what the regulatory body does and how the public can find information that will impact the entire community. The space will be collaborative, and members are encouraged to ask questions to help make changes.

Meeting Discussion

- Morgan Westberry asked if there is any other feedback the group would like the team to take into consideration about the biennial report?

- Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprise questioned if the newest Biennial Report had been published already?
 - Morgan Westberry shared that the draft is currently in the final stages of review with Pacific Power executives. No updates draft has been shared since the document was sent out to members in November.
 - Tracy Moreland noted that Tribal Members gave feedback during the monthly meetings and office hours that was both very relevant and helpful, which has been incorporated into the final Biennial Report.
- Umpqua Indian Utility Cooperative asked for clarity on when the final draft will be shared with the larger group.
 - Christina Medina shared the next steps after today's meeting. The feedback from this meeting will be cataloged and/or incorporated into the report ahead of a final internal review. On December 30th, the final report will be submitted to the Public Utilities Commission. Members will send a copy of the final report before the 30th along with a copy of LC82.
 - Umpqua Indian Utility Cooperative questioned if there will be a comment period ahead of the final report submission?
 - Ms. Medina welcomed members to review the previous draft and submit any additional comments, however, once feedback and edits were incorporated from the previous round, the team had to start working towards the deadline set by the PUC.
 - Morgan Westberry assured that the group that feedback heard on the call today will be reflected to the best of the team's abilities in the final draft. While the team wants to provide as many opportunities as possible to hear feedback, the due date has already been extended and must be met.
 - Ms. Medina asked if it would be helpful to resend the last copy of the draft? If a draft of the final comes out ahead of the deadline, that will also be shared.
- Morgan Westberry noted that this process is iterative and there are a lot of learning opportunities that can be incorporated into future drafts and feedback rounds such as building more time for Tribes and advisors to review ahead of the final filing.
 - Umpqua Indian Utility Cooperative feels uneasy about there not being any turnaround time for Tribes to review the document especially with Tribal advisors and Tribes listed on the document. Members provided feedback on the initial draft in October, and it is now the holiday season, which provides time constraint. Moving forward, the timeline has to be more accommodating for holidays and time off to make sure Tribes can have a final comment.
- Morgan Westberry thanked the group for their feedback and will build it into the future processes.
- Ms. Medina offered to share the feedback with the Clean Energy Planning Director as additional reports are prepared and shared. It is important to note that the Biennial Report draft due date has already been extended by a month to allow for additional time to hear the feedback of the community.

2024 Reflections

Christina Medina reflected on the journey of the Tribal Nations Group, beginning with the creation in March 2023. The journey thus far is as follows:

- Initiated in March 2023 after direct outreach to Tribal representatives
- Running parallel to the CBIAG, the Tribal Nations Engagement series was developed by conducting direct outreach to Oregon Tribal Nations representatives who sought an engagement space that recognized the nuances that Tribal Nations face
- Creation of PacifiCorp's first Tribal Liaison in 2023, offering another layer of leadership and guidance to support continued growth in this space
- Based in respect for the sovereign Tribal governments and as a way to better understand each Tribe's concerns and perspectives
- Compensation provided, similarly to the CBIAG, to facilitate involvement and to recognize importance of the time spent providing these perspectives
- Invited in September 2024 for an onsite, marking strides in trust building and value to participants

This space aims to dive into the details and intersectionality of clean energy planning with topics including:

- Clean Energy Plan (CEP)
- Community Based Renewable Energy (CBRE)
- Community Benefits + Impacts Advisory Group (CBIAG)
- Distribution System Planning (DSP)
- Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)
- Resiliency
- Community Benefit Indicators (CBIs)

Looking forward, Pacific Power seeks to expand membership to broaden inclusion and accessible consultation and collaboration opportunities. If members believe similar groups would like to participate in the space, the team is open to it and will accept recommendations. 2024 meeting attendees have included representatives from:

- Tribal One
- Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians
- Northwest Native Chamber
- Umpqua Indian Utility Cooperative
- Coquille Indian Tribe
- Nixyaawii
- Northwest Energy Coalition
- Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises

Morgan Westberry reviewed the topics heard by month in 2024 ranging from general rate case updates to wildfire mitigation.

Month	Topics
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structuring the Space • Community Benefit Indicators • Community Based Renewable Energy
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storytelling of Recent Successes • Community Benefit Indicators • Regulation Updates
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated Resource Planning Updates • Wildfire Forums and Engagement • Community Benefit Indicators Activity
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Benefit Indicators Activity Feedback • Integrated Resource Planning Updates • Biennial Report Community Summary
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biennial Report Community Summary • Customer Generation Projects
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Procurement • Rural Mobile Training Unit
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ETO + Warm Springs Projects • Distribution System Planning • Community Based Renewable Energy Updates • Demand Response Portfolio Updates • Transportation Electrification • Facilitated Listening Circle

In 2025, some of these topics will be revisited to provide updates and close the loop on feedback received. Integrated Resource Planning will continuously resurface in the space in preparation for closing the planning cycle. Additionally, the team looks forward to welcoming more guest presenters from different divisions of Pacific Power and externally such as the Public Utilities Commission and Energy Trust of Oregon.

Meeting Discussion

- Christina Medina shared that engagement will be more intentional in 2025 to make sure advisory groups are maximizing benefit and information during time spent in meetings. The plan is to stagger meetings so that members can participate in multiple meetings, which will be compensated.
- Morgan Westberry asked if there are any particular topics that the group would like to revisit next year?
 - Umpqua Indian Utility Cooperative suggested doing a deeper dive into customer generation, specifically bringing in Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) to explain how customer generation works and share existing projects of varying sizes – from residential to commercial and industrial.
 - Ms. Medina asked how the group felt about sharing case studies.
 - Umpqua Indian Utility Cooperative would love to examine case studies. For Tribes, the idea of developing a project always sounds great but the execution typically comes with hidden costs and unknown information causes delays or denials. Increasing transparency around project costs and processes could be very beneficial to the group.
 - Ms. Medina agrees and has made a point to share dockets with the group for that exact reason. However, feedback shows that the dockets may be confusing to understand and hard to follow so the meeting year will begin with a representative from the Oregon Public Utilities Commission presenting to the group to explain the regulatory process. Regarding case studies, Energy Trust of Oregon can be brought in as they have a wealth of information and can add technical expertise. In 2024, a common issue echoed across the space was Tribes not being able to accomplish projects because of lack of funding and resources.
 - Umpqua Indian Utility Cooperative echoed the experience of beginning a project only to find out the requirements cannot be met, which is something a lot of Tribes deal with. Exploring case studies where multiple Tribes come together to make a project work would be helpful.
 - Ms. Medina is exploring bringing in a representative from Yakima Power to detail the training provided for journeyman jobs on reservations.
 - Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprise wants to prioritize getting projects completed in 2025, while case studies and meetings are important, action is the goal. Tribes assign a person to coordinate projects for them, this person needs to have access to opportunities for funding as well.
 - Ms. Medina asked how active the conversation around the CRITFC energy plan is. Is that something that is worth presenting in this space?
 - Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprise noted that the CRITFC energy plan may be of interest to the larger group. A major issue that can be further explored is reserve capacity, which prevents several projects from coming to fruition.

- Ms. Medina will add CRITFC and reserve capacity to the 2025 agendas to discuss in more detail with the larger group.

Pacific Power has been creating a variety of tools to help members participate in the CBIAG and wants to review and discuss how to improve these tools to continue using them again in the new year.

Pre meeting tools:

- The updated list of all meetings and web links ahead of time
- Pre-reads the Monday before a meeting

During meeting tools:

- Check in questions to get the meeting started
- Recap of previous meeting
- Preview of upcoming meetings
- Post-event survey

Post meeting tools:

- Notes from the session
- Slides from the session
- Access to the [feedback tracker](#)

All of this content is in a new hub on Pacific Power's website: [Oregon Clean Energy Plan](#)

Meeting Discussion

- Umpqua Indian Utility Cooperative asked if the 2025 meeting cadence will be adapted?
 - Ms. Medina explained that the 2025 schedule may possibly be adapted, however, the group will be polled to decide on a different time and day that works best. The goal is to have 12 meeting opportunities next year with four being Clean Energy Planning meetings. The Tribal Nations group will still meet in January on its regular date and time, but the following months may shift.

2025 Engagement at a Glance

There were many engagement spaces in 2024 across several topics (CBIAG, Tribal Nations Engagement, Integrated Resource Planning, Clean Energy Planning, Distribution Systems Planning, Wildfire, etc.). Christina Medina detailed 2025 engagement space considerations with the mission of supporting Tribal Nations and community organizations focused on Tribal issues, ensuring their active participation in Oregon's engagement opportunities. To accomplish this, the team will:

- Aim to streamline Tribal Nations meetings when other engagements occur throughout the month (i.e. combine meetings, or move to a virtual activity)
- Work with Tribal Nations members to ensure they feel comfortable participating in the other engagement spaces, potentially even creating pre-reads or other tools
- Provide opportunity to debrief on other engagement spaces within Tribal Nations meetings

The current meeting schedule for 2025 is outlined below with eight Tribal Nations meetings and four Clean Energy Planning meetings scheduled currently. The schedule is subject to change.

Month	Meetings
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demand Response / Tribal Nations Engagement #1
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clean Energy Planning #1
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tribal Nations Engagement #2
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tribal Nations Engagement #3
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clean Energy Planning #2
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tribal Nations Engagement #4
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tribal Nations Engagement #5
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clean Energy Planning #3
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tribal Nations Engagement #6
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tribal Nations Engagement #7
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clean Energy Planning #4
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tribal Nations Engagement #8

The January Tribal Nations meeting will be a joint session with the Demand Response team covering the first hour to share updates on Demand Response programs in Oregon. For the remainder of the meeting, the focus will be creating a formalized list of topics for 2025.

Christina Medina and Tracy Moreland thanked the Tribal Nations representatives for their engagement in 2024, specifically appreciating the willingness to engage and ask tough questions to acknowledge the socioeconomic challenges and health and well-being challenges that intersect with utilities.

Check Out

Morgan Westberry opened the floor for concluding thoughts. There were no comments.

Next Steps

Christina Medina closed the meeting by providing context on next steps, thanking members for feedback and the team for support and putting together a great meeting. The January meeting will be held on [January 31st](#) from 9:00 – 11:00am via Zoom. **There will not be a February meeting.** Pacific Power will continue to evolve and is looking forward to continued work with the Tribal Nations representatives and welcomes members to invite colleagues from their organizations to join the calls.

If you have not already, please participate in the post-meeting survey:

[Tribal Nations | December \(office.com\)](#)