

CEIP Advisory Group

Meeting Date: July 15, 2025

Time: 9:00am – 10:30am

Location: Teams Meeting

Attendees:

Avista:	Members:
<i>Kelly Dengel</i>	<i>Sofya Atitsogbe</i>
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<i>Shawn Bonfield</i>	<i>Carol Weltz</i>
<i>Tessa Jilot</i>	<i>Cindy Kimmet</i>
<i>Mike Magruder</i>	<i>John Hoover</i>
<i>Kristine Meyer</i>	<i>Karen Boone</i>
<i>Meghan Pinch</i>	<i>Lynn Suksdorf</i>
<i>James Gall</i>	<i>Margee Chambers</i>
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Agenda

- I. Welcome & Introductions
 - Overview of Meeting: Rules and Intent
- II. Advisory Group & Avista Comments
- III. Wrap Up

Facilitator

Kelly Dengel

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Meeting Notes

Welcome & Introductions

Introductions, meeting rules and intent, and review of today's agenda.

Advisory Group & Avista Comments

None

2025 CEIP Content We Haven't Discussed

NCIF Awards Prior to 2025 CEIP Determination

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Area	Avista Comment	Proposal
Named Community Investment Fund	2026-2029 Named Community Investment Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none">\$5M Annually<ul style="list-style-type: none">\$3M Community & \$2M Energy Efficiency2026 NCIF<ul style="list-style-type: none">Accepting applicationsNo awards made	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2026 Energy Efficiency Awards (EE tariff)<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discuss continuity of programs/awards across CEIPs with EEAG in August 2025May commit EE funds prior to CEIP approval2026 Community Awards (CETA tariff)<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hold commitments and awards until 2025 CEIP is approved



Company: The Company explained the background and funding of the NCIF program, noting caution about making 2026 awards until the 2025 CEIP is determined. Applications for 2026 and beyond are being accepted, but no awards have been made. Energy Efficiency Advisory Group will discuss 2026 commitments and potential awards at the August 2025 meeting, while Community Award decisions will be postponed until the CEIP is finalized and approved.

Lynn: Supports the plan presented. He noted another agency he works with had awarded multi-year grants that are now at risk because of state and federal funding. So with that experience, he thinks it is wise to hold off on awarding Community.

Carol: Sounds like a good plan

Metric Reporting in 2025 CEIP

Avista

Area	Avista Comment	Proposal
CBIs & Metric Reporting	<p>2021 CEIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No requirement for reporting metric actuals Reported 2020 metric baseline based on 2016-2020 data <p>2023 Biennial CEIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No requirement for reporting metric actuals Reported 2021 (2020 data) against 2022 actuals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2025 CEIP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No requirement for reporting metric actuals New baseline will be calculated in 2026 based on 2025 actuals Clean Energy Compliance Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due July 1, 2026 Requires 2021 baseline for 2022-2025 actuals

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Company: Looking at 2025 CEIP, Avista will not provide metric actuals, but will provide commentary about when the baseline will be established in 2026. Then the metrics will be reported in the Biennial Report. This is different from the first CEIP but still follows or exceeds current requirements. All metric actuals will be provided in a separate compliance report, too.

Lynn: This seems a little awkward to me. Will the metric information be in one plan or report?

Company: Typically, a plan won't provide much in terms of actuals, but a report should. When Avista looked at the law requirements of CEIP, reporting metric actuals isn't required. But in the compliance report in 2026, Avista is required to report on actuals.

In the biennial report, Avista will go above requirements to provide an update on metric actuals, too.

Lynn: That makes great sense to me. Wouldn't it be beneficial to have those numbers reported in the plan as well, if it is a new plan and we're looking at providing baseline calculations and numbers? Wouldn't it be beneficial to relationships?

Company: Avista aims to comply with all legal requirements while maintaining quality and value in its offerings. The company seeks to balance staff workload and ensure resources are used effectively, though public engagement with this data has historically been low.

It was also noted that much of the data is provided annually through performance-based ratemaking processes.

Lynn: I already understand what you provided in background information, Shawn. Your rationale makes sense, I guess.

Carol: I think it sounds like a good plan.

Charlee: For CBIs, are they going to be based on 2020 actuals? But we'll have the more recent years of data in this CEIP, but is it based on 2016-2020 dataset?

Company: The CEIP will not report metric actuals. The Biennial (2027) document will include actual data based on a new baseline calculated from 2025 data (reporting conducted in 2026). The July 2026 compliance report will review the 2021 CEIP. Due to updated metrics, the Company must establish a new baseline using 2025 data.

Lynn: Good question, Charlee.

Addressing Procedural Justice in 2025 CEIP

Area	Comment	Avista's Response
Equity	<p>UTC Policy docket A-230217:</p> <p>Include discussion in the CEIP of how Avista is considering the interim policy statement regarding procedural justice (issued 5/12/2025), and any other past or future guidance from this docket.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Avista will include Procedural Justice update in the 2025 CEIP▪ Adding link to dockets for IRP & CEIP pages▪ Add descriptions of intent of filings▪ EEAG and EAAG discussions to determine next steps for compliance▪ Translation services to be discussed under Public Participation section



Company: Noted UTC Policy Docket A-230217 and will update on compliance in the upcoming CEIP.

CBIs & Tribal Nations Collaboration

Area	Comment	Avista's Response
Tribal Relations & CEIP / CBIs	<p>Is Avista doing separate outreach to and collaboration with the tribal nations in its WA service area about the CEIP?</p> <p>The Commission recently filed Final Order 16 in the PAC CEIP docket (210829) where they encouraged PAC to adopt a tribal recommendation in its 2025 CEIP: "Work with the Yakama Nation and CRITFC to develop Community Benefit Indicators that reasonably reflect the Yakama Nation's treaty rights and the lives of its people, as expressed through their traditions, culture, and needs."</p> <p>Now is the opportunity to ensure Avista's CBIs and metrics capture the Tribes' interests.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avista has not conducted specific CEIP outreach to the tribal nations in our Washington service territory: Spokane Tribe & Colville Tribes. Avista's EAG includes member of the Spokane Tribe. He participated in 2021 (representing the Spokane Tribe) and 2025 (general member) CBI discussions.



Company: The company has not discussed the CEIP with tribal nations in its WA service area but regularly collaborates with them on related services like NCIF and energy efficiency. A Spokane Tribe member participates in Avista's Equity Advisory Group and was involved in 2025 CEIP CBI discussions. Avista's plan for continued engagement with tribal nations will be reflected in the CEIP.

Charlee: Acknowledged that it made sense that Avista will communicate with tribal nations around CEIP-related programs and services individually. She suggested that Avista should think about a CBI-specific conversation with tribal nations in the future.

Grid Scale Generation in the 2025 CEIP

Area	Comment	Avista's Response
Renewable Generation	Why was there no discussion/review of the grid-scale renewable generation elements from the IRP?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2025 All-Source RFP submissions will determine cost-effective utility scale resources.
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Renewable Targets	Why does the CEIP not look at alternative scenarios for accelerating grid scale renewable production with the concurrent benefits/trade-offs?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avista is meeting the requirements of CEIP in the least reasonable cost manner through existing resources.
	What is the roadmap for getting to 100% clean energy by 2045?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See the 2025 Electric IRP for current resource strategy to achieve clean targets. The 2027 Electric IRP will provide updated information.

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Company: Comments on this topic are IRP-related, not something for the CEIP. Avista provided background information about the IRP creation process and how it can feed down into the CEIP process. The next opportunity to look at the long-term future will be the 2027 electric IRP.

2025 CEIP Content to Revisit

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Company: Avista discussed its agreement to make the target cumulative for demand response. Avista issued an all-source RFP, which includes a demand-response section. Avista hopes to obtain an effective demand-response program through that process.

Demand Response Programs & Target

Area	Comment	Avista's Response
Demand Response Specific Target	We reiterate our recommendation to have Avista note that if its demand response specific target will be 5MW over this compliance period, it will adjust the target if the current RFP results in a higher amount of DR . This is important especially in light of the presentation in the May advisory group meeting on changing load and how that might mean DR is well positioned to meet some of that increase.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From the 2025 All-Source RFP, Avista will select all cost-effective submissions. If RFP cost-effective DR solutions provide savings beyond the 55 MW target, Avista will adjust target.
Demand Response Specific Target & DR Types	In the Feb 18 th meeting on slide 20, Avista showed that the DR target for the 2025 CEIP is 5 MW. In the March 18 th meeting, you went into more detail in slides 4-7 (in response to a Staff question) about how that 5 MW target came to be and said the hope is that the RFP will identify 5 additional MWs of DR. Would this 5 MW be a mix of both dispatchable and non-dispatchable DR resources? Or would it most likely only be dispatchable resources?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assumption is dispatchable, but RFP results will show what's most cost effective. Non dispatchable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing TOU pilots to inform future design

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Company: Avista prefers a demand response program it can oversee and dispatch for the utility. Time of Use pilots continue through mid-2026 and will be addressed in the CEIP, but do not count toward the 55MW target.

Energy Burden & Energy Usage

Area	Comment	Avista's Response
Named Communities & Energy Burden	In the March 18 th meeting on slide 9, Avista responded to a question about the cost impacts for Named Communities in 2026-2029. Avista's response was that "an analysis of energy burden for all customers and a projection of how their usage may change will be shared at the May CEIP Advisory Group meeting." I didn't see this in the April or May meeting presentations. Could we discuss this?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy Burden Estimates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By average income level by census tract Includes electric & dual fuel customers Prior to financial energy assistance Includes CEIP incremental costs Energy Use Estimates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Average increase per customer

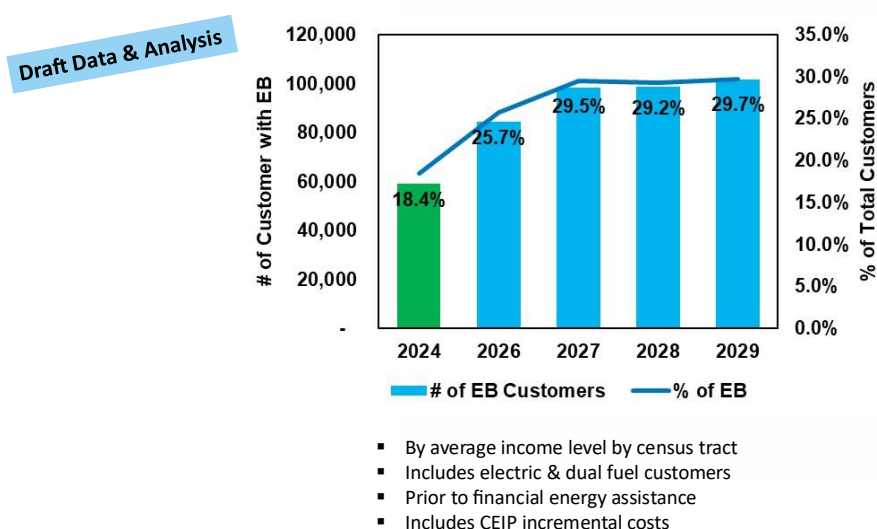
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Lynn: You noted calculations based on projected growth. Where do you obtain the growth numbers from?

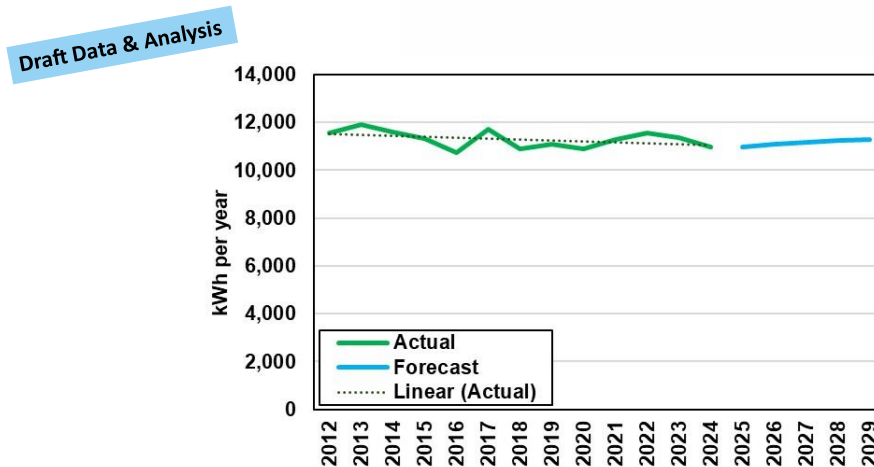
Company: Most recent financial forecasts were used based on economic factors that we use in our budget estimates within Avista. This takes what we see with actual customer growth within the area. Data included in the slides is the latest computation. It just includes modeled electric customer growth. It does not consider gas, unless a customer is a dual-fuel customer.

Actual & Estimated Customer Energy Burden



Company: The growth seen in energy burden is more due to rate increases that are expected. In the CEIP, there is a cost forecast that shows significant rate increases on the horizon expected for a variety of reasons and that is driving much of the increase shown in the data.

Actual & Estimated Energy Usage



Company: Avista regularly reviews customer energy usage and expects a slight increase over the next four years, driven by fewer customers using natural gas due to building code changes and more EV adoption. Despite some gains in energy efficiency, overall use is projected to rise. A consultant may assist Avista with some long-term (20-year) forecasts.

Energy Resiliency Metric

Area	Comment	Avista's Response
Energy Resilience CBI	Consider adding energy resilience CBI/metric(s) related to the "indirect" category of the NARUC Resilience Framework document, on page 23 (attached).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with UTC Staff June 11
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Metric	The value of lost load for different customer types (Named Communities, NC in deepest need, etc.) may be valuable to track, and this document has some resources starting on page 24.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NARUC indirect metric options aren't supported with available data Avista will provide a narrative for how Avista wholistically approaches resiliency efforts in 2025 CEIP.

Company: Avista met with UTC staff to talk more about whether NARUC indirect metric options could be used for metrics. This is not possible because this option doesn't have

data Avista can use. Avista will provide a narrative of how Avista wholistically approaches resiliency efforts in 2025 CEIP.

Data Center Load Growth

Area	Comment	Avista's Response
Data Centers & Load Growth	We recommend that in the final CEIP document, Avista include a section discussing the impacts of potential or actual data centers on load growth, and thus the possible impacts within this or future compliance periods on any specific targets/actions, if any.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The CEIP is a four-year action plan of specific actions Avista will take based on what is known today.▪ If load increases, proposed 4-year annual targets remain.



Company: Avista plans to include commentary in CEIP regarding the effects of load growth, including potential impacts related to data centers within the territory. The company will maintain the proposed 4-year annual targets irrespective of changes in load growth.

Molly: What you're saying makes sense. The question was born out of data centers getting brought into a lot of questions around energy, especially with the Commission. I wanted to flag this as something that will be a topic of interest, so thanks for addressing it.

CBIs & KLI Metrics

Area	Comment	Avista's Response
CBI Metrics & Disconnects for KLI Customers	<p>The slide deck from your Apr. 22, 2025 CEIP advisory group meeting: On slide 19, you proposed to modify the CBIs to omit the number of disconnection and disconnection for known-low-income customers.</p> <p>The Energy Project does not support such a change and would like to request that Avista continue report the CBI for "Number and percentage of disconnects for nonpayment by month census tract, All, KLI, NC."</p> <p>NWEC: Similar to The Energy Project, we respectfully ask that Avista continue report the CBI for "Number and percentage of disconnects for nonpayment by month census tract, All, KLI, NC."</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avista will continue to report this in the Annual Disconnection Reduction Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total number of KLI disconnections for non-payment Total number of KLI disconnects for any reason other than non-payment Total number of KLI customers remotely disconnected Total number of KLI customers who made a payment to a service representative in the field to avoid disconnection.

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Company: Two groups want the Company to report known low-income disconnection numbers as part of its metrics. Previously, changes to this metric were considered. The Company states this data is already included in the annual Disconnection Reduction Report and prefers the CEIP report to focus on legal requirements, covering Named Communities and all customers.

Shaylee: Do we have percentages and the data broken out by census track? It's my understanding that all of this is not in the Disconnection Reduction Report, which is why we're suggesting this be added to the CEIP.

Lynn: Great comment, Shaylee. The need may not be at the Avista or Commission level, but for use by local support entities or community leaders?

Company: The Annual Disconnection Reduction Report reports in total, not by census track. What we want to see is the basis of rationale for why it should be kept, which has not been provided yet. For example, how does the census track breakdown provide value, and where is that data used?

Shaylee: Okay, I will consider that. I think there are common-sense reasons for keeping this, especially on an ongoing basis, so we can look at trends over time. If you interrupt that a few years into that, it disrupts our ability to look at those trends.

Company: What have you done with the data? It hasn't been used in our energy assistance advisory group or otherwise. We'd look for evidence or rationale for what's been done to date with the data, why is the additional level of data needed when the commission hasn't asked for it, and the data is not required?

Charlee: Where can the disconnection reduction report be found?

Company: We will get the docket number and put it in the chat.

Charlee: It may be a good thing for Avista to add the Annual Disconnection Reduction Report docket to the company website, or a link to the report is on Avista's website for the Annual Disconnection Reduction Report.

Named Community Rebate Metrics

Area	Comment	Avista's Response
CBI Metrics & Named Community Rebates	<p>On slide 12, Avista proposes to discontinue a CBI for "Named Community residential rebates and those in rental units," and noted that this information was available in its annual conservation report.</p> <p>I did a quick review of Avista's 2023 Annual Conservation Report and could not find this info in that report. Could you please point me to where this information can be found outside of the CBIs?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ NC Residential Rebates:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 2024 Annual Conversation Report▪ Portfolio level distribution of incentives, savings, NEIs (page 7)▪ Program level distribution of incentives, savings, NEIs (page 30)▪ Percentage that benefitted Named Communities▪ NC Residential Rebates in Rental Units<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Only reported in the CEIP CBIs▪ Not an energy efficiency program▪ To be reported in 2026 Clean Energy Compliance Report



Company: The Annual Conservation Report includes energy efficiency data on residential rebates for Named Communities, and this report will continue going forward. Currently, data on residential rebates in rental units for Named Communities is reported solely in CEIP. Avista is proposing the complete removal of this metric.

2021 CEIP or 2023 Biennial CEIP Content

2021 CEIP Conditions

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Area	Avista Topic	Proposal
CEIP Conditions	2021 CEIP – 38 Conditions 2023 Biennial CEIP – Modification (#5), 1 New Condition (#39)	Remove Conditions #1, 6, 13, 17, 18, 20, 22, 26, 38 Modify Condition #35

2021 CEIP & 2023 Biennial Conditions	Count	Condition #s
Complete; no further action required	23	2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 21, 23, 24, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 39
Included in the 2025 CEIP	6	5 (qualitative & quantitative analysis), 11 (TOU pilots), 12 (NEEA water heaters), 19 (CBI translation services), 25 (CBI by statutory benefit), 28 (EAG list)
Remove for 2025 CEIP	8	1 (Use Rules), 6 (Risk), 13 (DPAG), 17 (CBI NC EE rebates), 18 (CBI KLI), 20 (CBI wood heat), 26 (NC DERs), 38 (CBI 2x5)
Modify	2	22 (CBI disc/arrear), 35 (CBIs w/IRP & Progress Report)
Total	39	

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Company: Request to move some conditions and modify another condition, based on what is reflected on the slide. All of this will be noted in the 2025 CEIP, too.

2021 CEIP Conditions Proposed for Removal

Condition	Description	Avista's Response
1	Once the Commission has adopted final "use" rules in Docket UE-210183, in its Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) docket, if different than Table 2.1 on page 2 -3 in the CEIP, Avista shall update its CEIP to reflect the percentage of retail sales of electricity supplied by non-emitting resources and renewable resources in 2020 within 30 days.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recalculating 2020 isn't relevant to current targets proposed in the 2025 CEIP

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Company: Recalculating 2020 isn't relevant to current targets proposed in the 2025 CEIP.

2021 CEIP Conditions Proposed for Removal

Condition	Description	Avista's Response
13	Avista will initiate its Distribution Planning Advisory Group (DPAG) no later than the end of 2022, and it must invite all existing advisory groups to participate in the new group. Avista acknowledges that stakeholders have limited resources and will consult between existing advisory groups and stakeholders regarding streamlining.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue 2025 DPAG sessions (2 remaining) Future: Combine the DPAG & Electric IRP TAC sessions for a combined system plan

Company: Recalculating 2020 isn't relevant to current targets proposed in the 2025 CEIP. Request to remove this condition or modify it to identify what "risk" should be considered.

Molly: This one has also confused me for the same reason, not knowing what risk means in this context. It may be worth connecting with AWEC for more information from 2021.

Company: Company provided some history around this discussion that involved AWEC. They may provide additional details after Company files the CEIP.

Molly: That works, not everyone will participate in feedback ahead of time.

Company: Avista established a Distribution Planning Advisory Group (DPAG). Avista would like to see DPAG incorporated with electric IRP. Final sessions of 2025 will continue. But as the Company considers a unified plan, it makes sense to combine groups.

Company suggests removing Condition 17 (see slide 17).

2021 CEIP Conditions Proposed for Removal

Condition	Description	Avista's Response
18	Avista agrees that the CBI: Number of Households with a High Energy Burden (>6%), will be separately tracked for all Avista electric customers, Known Low Income (KLI) customers and Named Communities. KLI customers are defined as those who have received energy assistance during the prior two years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed for removal at the April CEIP Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace with PBR: Average energy burden after energy assistance by census tract for all customers and NC Replace with PBR: Number and percentage of high energy burden after energy assistance for all customers and NC



Company: As previously discussed in April, Avista would like to remove Condition 18, but add new metrics. It would be replaced with a number and percentage of high energy burden after energy assistance for all customers and Named Communities.

Shaylee: We are very concerned about this, and we will continue this conversation. Detailed data would allow community and regional-level analysis for current and future parties. However, the bottom line is that I would expect the commission and utility to be interested in this data themselves and see the value of its transparency for public access in the same way as for Named Communities, given its explicit equity implications and affordability consequences. I am very concerned at the gap.

Company: Proposed to remove Condition 20 because the Spokane Clean Air program has ended. This was discussed with various advisory groups, and it received support because there is no available data for the Company to use, and it is outside of the traditional utility energy source.

2021 CEIP Conditions Proposed for Removal

Condition	Description	Avista's Response
26	For the CBI – Named Community Clean Energy Avista agrees to eliminate the current metric on “percent non-emitting renewable energy located in Named Communities,” and instead measure the following in Named Communities: (1) total MWh of distributed energy resources 5 MW and under; (2) total MWs of energy storage resources 5 MW and under; and, (3) number (i.e., sites, projects, and/or households) of distributed renewable generation resources and energy storage resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed for removal at the April CEIP Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace with PBR: Number and percentage of NC enrollments in DER programs – EE, Electric Transportation, Net Metering, DR Replace with PBR: Percentage of NC utility spend in DER programs – EE, Electric Transportation, Net Metering, DR

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Company: Proposed to remove Condition 26 at the April CEIP Meeting. This would be replaced with PBR. This has been proposed to and supported by advisory groups.

2021 CEIP Conditions Proposed for Removal

Condition	Description	Avista's Response
38	Avista must choose at least two of its current CBIs which it will track for at least five subsets of Named Communities , at a granularity to be determined by agreement with Staff, stakeholders, and the Company's Equity Advisory Group. Avista will incorporate relevant updates in its 2023 Biennial CEIP update.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed for removal at the April CEIP Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under CBI Energy Burden – adopt PBR energy burden metric Under CBI Energy Availability – remove and retain existing outage metrics

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Company: Proposed to remove Condition 38. In exchange, PBR for energy burden would be adopted. Under the CBI for Energy Availability, Company would remove and retain existing outage metrics.

2021 CEIP Condition #35 Proposed for Modification

Condition	Description	Avista's Response
22	Avista agrees to add the following CBI and metrics related to Energy Security: CBI: Residential Arrearages and Disconnections for Nonpayment Measurement: 1. Arrearages 2. Disconnections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed for removal at the April CEIP Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove arrearages; continue to report in Docket U-200281, U-21800 Keep disconnections for all customers and NC; but remove KLI

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Company: For Condition 22, the Company proposes to fully remove arrearages from CEIP (discussed April 2025) and continue reporting in the required docket. Disconnections remain for all customers and Named Communities, except for Known Low Income.

For Condition 35, Company would like to retain this activity for the IRP, but there's no need to repeat in a progress report because the metrics won't have changed.

Lynn: The slide on Condition #35 remains a bit confusing. Why retain the IRP but remove IRP reports identifying any progress? Perhaps I am just dense in this area.

Company: We will continue to do the IRP and progress report. To clarify, the reporting of CBIs in an IRP will continue. But the reporting of CBIs in the progress report seems unnecessary based on repetition that we have other places to share these. The IRP is intended to be a larger 20-year forecast. The progress report is not used for anything in the Washington process, so we don't want to create an unnecessary burden on ourselves.

The IRP is filed every four years, and we do the progress report in between. Rules say a progress report clearly defines what should be included. That requirement doesn't include CBIs. It is appropriate to keep relevant CBIs in IRP, but it is not necessary in a progress report because the CBIs won't change.

Lynn: That depends on who the audience is for. Understood.

Company: That report is primarily for the Commission staff, and it is a multi-state process. Adding this additional analysis creates more burdensome work being replicated within two years.

Lynn: That helps me understand. I appreciate the context and greater perspective. I appreciate the effort.

Address 2021 CEIP Condition 5

Area	Comment	Avista's Response
Interim Renewable Targets	2021 CEIP Condition 5: We reiterate our recommendation to provide clear discussion in the final CEIP that illustrates how the proposed interim targets balance both cost and progress towards the CETA renewable energy goals .	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Avista will address in the 2025 CEIP and explain the gradualism making progress, while trying to maintain customer cost impacts.



Company: Avista will discuss how targets support gradual increases per year in renewable energy goals, while keeping customer costs in mind.

Address Named Community Deepest Need

Area	Comment	Avista's Response
Deepest Need & Named Communities	At Staff's request, in the May advisory group meeting, Avista agreed to identify characteristics of Named Communities in deepest need and propose action(s) to address inequities. We look forward to any updates Avista has on this topic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avista will address in the 2025 CEIP and in the 2027 Biennial CEIP. Avista does not want to adopt the Deepest Need title, but allow the advisory group process to determine population title, characteristics and actions to reflect needs of Avista's service territory Avista will reference PSE's Deepest Need characteristics but may not adopt.

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Company: Avista will address the desire to identify characteristics of Named Communities in deepest need and propose actions to address inequities. Avista would like its own advisory groups to identify name, characteristics, and actions, rather than adopt what Puget Sound Energy has already done on the topic.

Wrap Up

2026-2029 CEIP Proposed Timeline

✓	Review of 2022-2025 CEIP	January 14
✓	Targets & Specific Actions	February 18
✓	2025-2027 Public Participation Plan Named Communities	March 18
✓	Customer Benefit Indicators	April 22
✓	Company Initiatives: Aspirational Goals NCIF	May 20
✓	Incremental Cost Analysis	June 23
✓	Q & A Listening Session	July 15
	Draft CEIP available for public comment	August 1-29, 2025
	Compile public comments & finalize	September 2025
	File 2026-2029 CEIP	October 1, 2025

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Company: The draft CEIP will be provided for public review on August 1. Written comments are due by the end of August for Avista to review in September. The plan will

be filed on October 1. Avista hopes the meeting process that began in January 2025 will improve the review's efficiency.

Lynn: After we get the CEIP, will we meet again in preparation for the final to be submitted or do we just submit the feedback?

Company: We do not intend to meet again. When the document is filed, it will reference every comment and Avista's response. As applicable, it will link to every section where edits were made.

Molly: So, should we shoot for Aug 29 for comments on draft?

Company: Avista will follow up with more instructions and deadlines for the document review via email.