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Clean Energy Implementation Plan Public Participation Meetings (CEIP PP) - Washington Focused

Intent: Avista’s Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) adheres to Washington state’s clean energy standards. It engages advisory groups, conducts outreach, and provides education for vulnerable communities. The CEIP workgroup actively supports its development and implementation. Avista collaborates with advisory groups to determine the timing and scope of inclusive public participation throughout the CEIP’s development and duration. This effort includes outreach and education targeted at vulnerable populations and highly impacted communities. CEIP Public Participation meetings are scheduled quarterly during implementation.

Members: The CEIP Public Participation Meetings are open to all interested customers and stakeholders. All Avista’s electric focused advisory groups are invited to attend, including the Equity Advisory Group, Energy Efficiency Advisory Group, Energy Assistance Advisory Group, and Electric IRP Technical Advisory Committee.

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Distribution Planning Advisory Group (DPAG) - Washington and Idaho Focused

Intent: Established pursuant to RCW 19.280.100(2)(e), regarding participation in the Company’s 10-year plan for distribution system investments and an analysis of nonwires alternatives for major transmission and distribution investments. The distribution system investment planning process should utilize a transparent approach that involves opportunities for stakeholder input and feedback.

Members: Participants represent the following list of organizations:

- Attorney General of Washington Office
- Avista
- Cascade Natural Gas Corporation
- Clearwater Paper Corporation
- Commerce
- DeltaG Consulting
- Department of Ecology
- Idaho Public Utilities Commission
- Inland Empire Paper Co
- Lewis & Clark Law School
- Northwest Gas Association
- Northwest Laborers' and Employers Cooperation Fund
- Northwest Power and Conservation Council
- Northwest Renewables
- NW Energy Coalition
- PacifiCorp
- Rural Resources Community Action
- SNAP
- Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

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Energy Assistance Advisory Group (EAAG) - Washington Focused

Intent: This group was established as a formalized forum focused on low-income energy assistance efforts, to monitor and explore ways to improve Avista's Low-Income Rate Assistance Program (LIRAP), including discussion of potential program modifications, collaboratively troubleshooting challenges, and examining alternatives that may better serve customers. The EAAG group is guided by the primary goals of **1)** keeping customers connected to their energy service; **2)** providing assistance to more customers than are currently served; **3)** lowering the energy burden of LIRAP participants, and; ensuring that LIRAP has appropriate data to assess program effectiveness—all while keeping an eye on administrative costs to continuously ensure that operating expenses of the program are as efficient as possible so that maximum funding is distributed directly to those in need.

Members: Includes representatives from Avista, Community Action Agencies, WUTC Commission Staff, Aging and Long-Term Care of Eastern Washington, The Energy Project, Northwest Energy Coalition, Department of Commerce, and the Public Counsel.

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Energy Efficiency Advisory Group (EEAG) - Washington & Idaho Focused

Intent: An advisory group of stakeholders to advise the utility on conservation issues including, but not limited to: (a) Conservation programs and measures. (b) Updates to the utility's evaluation, measurement, and verification framework. (c) Modification of existing, or development of new evaluation, measurement, and verification methods. (d) Independent third-party evaluation of portfolio-level biennial conservation achievement. (e) Development of conservation potential assessments. (f) The methodology, inputs, and calculations for cost-effective-ness. (g) The data sources and values used to develop and update supply curves. (h) The need for tariff modifications or mid-biennium program corrections. (i) The appropriate level of and planning for: (i) Marketing conservation programs; (ii) Incentives to customers for measures and services; and (iii) Impact, market, and process evaluations. (j) Programs for low-income residential customers. (k) Establishment of the biennial conservation target and program achievement results compared to the target. (l) Conservation program budgets and actual expenditures compared to budgets. (m) Development and implementation of new and pilot programs.

Members: Includes representatives from Avista, Commission Staff of both IPUC and WUTC, Northwest Power & Conservation Council, TEP, Department of Commerce, NWECA, Public Counsel, SBW Consulting, Spokane Neighborhood Action Partners (SNAP), Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho (CAPAI), Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA), E-source, Idaho Conservation League (ICL), Northwest Energy Efficiency Council (NEEC), Rosauer's Supermarkets, Idaho Power, PacifiCorp (PAC), and Puget Sound Energy (PSE).

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Equity Advisory Group (EAG) - Washington Focused

Intent: Under the 2019 Washington Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA), Avista collaborates with an external equity advisory group to address equity concerns related to clean energy. This includes equitable distribution of benefits, reduction of burdens for vulnerable populations, and ensuring energy security. The utility actively involves environmental justice advocates, tribes, and representatives from impacted communities.

See EAG Charter for more information: <https://www.myavista.com/-/media/myavista/content-documents/about-us/ceta/equity-advisory-group-charter-fall-2021.pdf>

Members: The CEIP Public Participation Meetings are open to all interested customers and stakeholders. Includes representatives from organizations, small business owners, and community members from across Avista's WA service territory. Members fluctuate, but current membership includes representation from Community Action Agencies, Public Education, Government Agencies, medical, aging, and long-term care, tribal organizations, and small business owners along with members of Community within Avista's service territory.

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Electric IRP Technical Advisory Committee (ETAC) - Washington and Idaho Focused

Intent: Each electric utility has the responsibility to identify and meet its resource needs with the lowest reasonable cost mix of conservation and efficiency, generation, distributed energy resources, and delivery system investments to ensure the utility provides energy to its customers that is clean, affordable, reliable, and equitably distributed. Avista must demonstrate and document how it considered input from advisory group members in the development of its IRP and two-year IRP progress report. Examples of how the utility may incorporate advisory group input include using modeling scenarios, sensitivities, and assumptions advisory group members proposed and using data and information supplied by advisory group members as inputs to plan development.

Members: Includes representatives from Avista, Commission Staff, customers, consumer advocates, academics, environmental groups, utility peers, government agencies, independent power producers, and other interested parties. Members fluctuate, but current membership includes representation from the following: Avista, Avista Residential and Small Commercial Customers, Commission Staff of both IPUC and WUTC, 4Sight Energy Group, 350.Org Spokane, AEG, Biomethane LLC, Bonneville Power Administration, Building Industry Association of Washington, Carbon WA, Chelan PUD, City of Spokane, Clenera, Clear Result, Clearwater Paper, Climate Solutions, Creative Renewable Solutions, Cyprus Creek Renewables, Direct Energy, Energy Keepers Inc., GE Energy, Heelstone Renewable Energy, Huntwood, Idaho Conservation League (ICL), Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Idaho Office of Energy and Mineral Resources, Idaho Power, Inland Empire Paper, Inland Power & Light, Innovari, Kalesnikoff, Kiemle Hagood, McKinstry, Measure Meant, Mitsubishi Power Americas Inc., MRW Associates, National Grid, New Sun Energy, NWEAC, Northwest Power and Conservation Council, Northwest Renewables, Pacific Energy Research Associates, Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee, Pera Inc, Perennial Power Holdings, Phil Jones Consulting, Pivotal Investments, Public Counsel, Puget Sound Energy, Pullman City Council, Renewable Energy Coalition, Renewable Northwest, Shasta, Sierra Club, Sovereign Power, Spokane Tribe of Indians, SpokEnergy, Strata Solar, Tesla, The Energy Authority, Tollhouse Energy, Tyr Energy, Utilicom Consulting Group, Wartsila Energy Solutions, Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development, Washington State Department of Enterprise Services, Water Planet, Western Grid Group, Whitman County Commission.

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Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Stakeholder Group - Washington Focused

Intent: Following the enactment of RCW 80.28.360, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) issued a Policy and Interpretative Statement regarding the regulation of Electric Vehicle Charging Services. This statement mandated that the three electric utilities—Avista, Puget Sound Energy, and PacifiCorp—establish a collaborative stakeholder group. The purpose of this group was to address statewide concerns related to Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) by reviewing proposed utility programs and providing informed recommendations.

Members: This group is facilitated by WUTC Commission Staff, and current representation includes: Avista, Puget Sound Energy, PacifiCorp, Public Counsel, Department of Commerce, WUTC Commission Staff, WSDOT, The Energy Project, Shell Recharge Solutions, Washington Environmental Council, National Resources Defense Council (NRDC), WeaveGrid, King County, City of Seattle, FLO Services USA Inc., Tesla, NWECC, Renewable Hydrogen Alliance, Regulatory Assistance Project, Proterra, Snohomish PUD, Chelan PUD, FlexCharging, Climate Solutions, General Motors, Energy Northwest, Forth Mobility, Collaborative Efficiency, The Ad Hoc Group Inc., City of Tacoma, Atlas Public Policy, ChargePoint Inc., Puget Sound Solar LLC, ev.energy, and Ions for EVs.

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Natural Gas IRP Technical Advisory Committee (NGTAC) - Washington, Idaho, and Oregon Focused

Intent: Every natural gas utility bears the responsibility of meeting system demand by optimizing the mix of natural gas supply and conservation. Each utility is required to create an 'integrated resource plan' to fulfill this duty. These plans involve crucial consultations with commission staff and active public participation to ensure the development of an effective strategy.

Members: Includes representatives from Avista, Commission Staff, customers, consumer advocates, academics, environmental groups, utility peers, government agencies, and other interested parties. Members fluctuate, but current membership includes representation from the following: Avista, Commission Staff of the IPUC, OPUC, and WUTC, Public Counsel, The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board, Energy Strategy, RNG Coalition, OR DEQ, NW Energy Coalition, Intermountain Gas, Attorney General WA, Idaho Conservation League, Fortis BC, Biomethane LLC, Lewis & Clark Law School, Northwest Power & Conservation Council, Energy Trust of Oregon, RNG Coalition, Northwest Natural Gas, Cascade Natural Gas, Northwest Gas Association, Alliance of Western Energy Consumers.

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