



## Avista 2026 Advisory Groups & Interested Parties Engagement Opportunities

### Overview

This document summarizes Avista’s advisory groups and stakeholder engagement opportunities across Washington, Idaho, and Oregon.

- Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) Public Participation – Washington
- Energy Assistance Advisory Group (EAAG) – Washington
- Energy Efficiency Advisory Group (EEAG) – Washington & Idaho
- Oregon Equity Advisory Group (OEAG) - Oregon
- Equity Advisory Group (EAG) – Washington
- Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Advisory Groups – Washington, Idaho, and Oregon
- Joint Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) – Washington

### Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) Public Participation – Washington

**Intent:** Avista’s Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) describes the company’s plan for making progress towards meeting Washington’s Clean Energy Transformation Act standards.

Avista engages advisory groups, conducts outreach and provides education for all Washington electric customers, with an emphasis on those who may be considered vulnerable or highly impacted by fossil fuel pollution and climate change. Avista collaborates with advisory groups to determine timing and scope of inclusive public participation through CEIP’s development and implementation.

**Members:** Open to all interested parties and customers.

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### Energy Assistance Advisory Group (EAAG) – Washington

**Intent:** This group was established as a formal forum focused on low-income energy assistance efforts. Its purpose is to provide guidance and recommendations on the design, implementation, and enhancement of Avista’s energy assistance programs. This includes discussing potential program modifications, collaboratively troubleshooting challenges, and examining alternatives that may better serve Washington customers.

The EAAG is guided by four primary goals:

- Keeping customers connected to their energy service.
- Providing assistance to more customers than are currently served.



- Lowering the energy burden of LIRAP participants.
- Ensuring that LIRAP has appropriate data to assess program effectiveness.

All of this is done while carefully managing administrative costs to ensure operational efficiency, allowing the maximum amount of funding to be directed at those in need.

**Members:** Utilities, community action agencies, and community action organizations.

**Website:** <https://www.myavista.com/your-account/power-of-compassion>

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## Oregon Equity Advisory Group (OEAG) – Oregon

**Intent:** The Oregon Equity Advisory Group (OEAG) was established for low-income bill assistance and energy efficiency. This group’s focus is to reduce energy burden for low-income communities by increasing their participation in Avista’s Oregon Low-Income Energy Efficiency (AOLIEE) and Low-Income Rate Assistance Programs (LIRAP). The following approach will be used to achieve this goal.

- Discussion of initiatives and programs
- Development of understanding equity issues that create participation barriers
- Input to mitigate those barriers
- Feedback to validate strategies and offer objective commentary

**Members:** Avista, Oregon Public Utility Commission, Community Action Agencies, community based and statewide organizations. Avista’s Oregon Equity Advisory Group is committed to engaging members that reflect diverse representation of its customer base in Oregon, with emphasis on those who serve individuals and households with limited income.

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## Energy Efficiency Advisory Group (EEAG) – Washington & Idaho

**Intent:** A group of interested parties to advise Avista on conservation issues including but not limited to:

- Conservation programs and measures
- Updates to the utility's evaluation, measurement, and verification framework
- Modification of existing, or development of new evaluation, measurement and verification methods
- Independent third-party evaluation of portfolio-level biennial conservation achievement
- Development of conservation potential assessments



- The methodology, inputs, and calculations for cost-effectiveness
- The data sources and values used to develop and update supply curves
- The need for tariff modifications or mid-biennium program corrections
- Establishment of the biennial conservation target and program achievement results compared to the target
- Conservation program budgets and actual expenditures compared to budgets
- Development and implementation of new pilot programs
- Programs for low-income residential customers

The group also provides counsel around the appropriate level of planning for marketing conservation programs; incentives to customers for measures and services; and impact, market, and process evaluations.

**Members:** Utilities, agencies, nonprofits, and private sector partners.

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## Equity Advisory Group (EAG) – Washington

**Intent:** Under the 2019 Washington Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA), Avista collaborates and regularly engages an external equity advisory group to advise the utility on equity issues including, but not limited to, vulnerable population designation, equity customer benefit indicator development, data support and development, and recommended approaches for ensuring that all customers are benefiting from the transition to clean energy through:

1. The equitable distribution of energy and nonenergy benefits and reduction of burdens to vulnerable populations and highly impacted communities.
2. Long-term and short-term public health and environmental benefits and reduction of costs and risks; and
3. Energy security and resiliency.

**Members:** The EAG membership includes community advocates and community-based organizations, from across Avista’s Washington service territory. The EAG meetings are open to all interested parties and customers.

Avista must encourage participation from environmental justice and public health advocates, tribes, and representatives from highly impacted communities and vulnerable populations, and other relevant groups.

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## Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) Advisory Groups – Washington, Idaho & Oregon

**Intent:** Avista’s Integrated Resource Planning advisory sub-groups support transparent, collaborative energy planning across electric, natural gas, and distribution systems. They bring together diverse stakeholders—utilities, regulators, tribes, customer representatives, industry, nonprofits, and academics—to provide input on long-term resource and infrastructure decisions.

**Members:** Membership fluctuates, but current membership includes representation from the following:

- Utilities and Energy Providers (investor-owned utilities, public utilities, and regional energy providers)
- Government and Regulatory Agencies (state, local, and federal entities, including commission staff and public officials)
- Tribal Governments and Community Representatives
- Environmental and Consumer Advocacy Organizations
- Energy Industry and Private Sector Companies (including renewable developers, technology providers, and energy service firms)
- Academic Institutions and Research Organizations
- Industrial, Commercial, and Residential Customer Representatives
- Trade Associations and Economic Development Organizations

Participation also includes independent consultants, nonprofit organizations, and other interested parties with expertise or interest in energy planning and policy.

### Natural Gas IRP Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

**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 (IRP) to fulfill this duty. These plans involve consultations with commission staff and public participation to help develop an effective strategy.

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### Electric IRP Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

**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, and studies proposed by advisory group members, and by using data and information supplied by advisory group members as inputs to plan development.

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## **Joint Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) Advisory Group – Washington**

**Intent:** Following the enactment of Washington 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 for investor-owned utilities (Docket UE-160799) and established a collaborative joint stakeholder group facilitated by WUTC Commission Staff. The purpose of this group is to address statewide concerns related to Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) deployment by investor-owned utilities, including review and feedback on new utility proposals.

**Members:** Utilities, agencies, and industry stakeholders.

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