

Utility Planning in a Changing Landscape

Lunch & Learn Series

Session 2: Planning for the Future and the Changing Clean Energy Policy Landscape in the Northwest

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October 27, 12:00pm - 1:30pm (PST) / 1:00pm - 2:30pm (MT)

Now more than ever, state policies that advance clean energy are the driving force in resource selection for utilities.

- What is the potential impact of various state clean energy and climate policies and utility commitments on the way utilities plan for the future?
- How do we ensure there are no conflicts between resource planning requirements and clean energy and climate regulations?
- How can utilities and regulators think more about system planning (resources, distribution, and transmission planning) and evolve their approaches to meeting customer needs?

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Joni leads the Coalition's efforts in Washington state. She moved to Washington from Arizona in 2013, where she worked in the solar industry and most recently with Arizona State University's Global Institute on Sustainability. Besides working as an activist on public lands, energy/efficiency, clean air, water, and wildlife issues, she has worked for local and regional governments, a regional planning agency and several non profits.

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SPEAKERS

Elaine Hart,
Founding Principal at
Moment Energy
Insights LLC



Elaine Hart is Founding Principal at Moment Energy Insights LLC. Dr. Hart brings experience in resource planning, flexible resource valuation, decarbonization policy analysis, and resource adequacy analysis. She specializes in designing optimization-based models to inform electricity sector decisions in increasingly renewable systems. Prior to founding Moment Energy Insights, Hart was the Manager of Integrated Resource Planning at Portland General Electric (PGE), where she focused on resource planning, energy storage evaluation, and decarbonization strategy. Hart holds a BS in Chemistry from Harvey Mudd College, and an MS in Materials Science & Engineering and PhD in Civil & Environmental Engineering from Stanford University.

Letha Tawney,
Commissioner at
Oregon Public Utility Commission



Letha Tawney was appointed to the Oregon Public Utility Commission by Governor Kate Brown in June 2018. Commissioner Tawney serves on the Energy Trust of Oregon Board of Directors, and as chair of the Energy Imbalance Market Board of State Regulators (EIM-BOSR), engaging closely on Western electricity market development in several forums. Prior to her appointment, Commissioner Tawney was an expert on electric utility business models, state regulation, clean energy development, and large customer buying strategies for World Resources Institute (WRI). Commissioner Tawney has a deep understanding of the constraints and interests driving both utilities and their customers as technology creates large-scale change in the sector.

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Acronyms

CETA – Clean Energy Transformation Act

DER – Distributed energy resource

DR – Demand response

DSM – Demand side management (sometimes used to refer to all conservation or energy efficiency measures, and load management)

DSP – Distribution system planning

EE – Energy efficiency

EO-20-04 - Oregon Governor Brown's Executive Order on Climate

IOU – Investor-owned utility

IRP – Integrated resource plan

NWPCC – Northwest Power and Conservation Council

RA – Resource adequacy

RFP – Request for proposals

RPP – Resource procurement plan

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Session 3: Getting the Most Value out of Customer-Side Resources and Distribution System Planning

November 3, 2021

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