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Decarbonizing the Northwest Webinar Series

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The next decade is a critical time for decarbonizing our energy system. What needs to happen in the next year, 5 years, and 10 years in order to achieve our climate goals? What regulatory tools are needed to ensure an equitable clean energy transition? How do we prioritize investments to maintain affordability and reliability?

Moderator

Nancy Hirsh
Executive Director
NW Energy Coalition



Nancy Hirsh is Executive Director for the NW Energy Coalition. Nancy directs the Coalition's efforts to enhance investments in energy efficiency, renewable resources, and energy services for people of lower-income through work with utilities, commissioners, regulators, and policy-makers. She serves on the board of Renewable Northwest. From 1996 through 2014 she served as the Coalition's policy director. Before joining the Coalition, she spent twelve years in Washington, DC working on national energy policy issues for the Environmental Action Foundation and the National Wildlife Federation. She lives in Seattle with her husband, children and dog. When not advocating clean energy solutions, she is an avid backpacker and hiker.



Speaker

Rachel Gold
Principal
RMI



Rachel Gold is a Principal in RMI's Carbon-Free Electricity Program, managing the team's work on utility business models and regulation. Before RMI, Rachel was the Utilities Program Director at American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, leading a team that provides research, technical assistance, and convening on energy efficiency programs, utility policy and ratemaking. There, she launched the Climate-Forward Efficiency Initiative to realign efficiency with the climate challenge and the Leading with Equity Initiative to embed equity metrics in ACEEE's Scorecards. Earlier in her career, Rachel was on the regulatory affairs team at Opower, and a graduate fellow at the California Public Utilities Commission.

Speaker

Wendy Gerlitz
Regulatory Policy Manager
Puget Sound Energy



Wendy Gerlitz joined the PSE regulatory team in 2020 to focus on state and regional policy. Previously, she was the Policy Director at the NW Energy Coalition, where she led the non-profit organization's efforts to promote clean and affordable energy. Early in her career, her work with the Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission provided her with a deep appreciation for the importance of water, salmon and clean energy that has served as a foundation for her professional experiences in federal land management, rural economic development, and sustainability across the Northwest.



Speaker

Caroline Moore
Division Administrator, Strategy
and Integration
Oregon Public Utility Commission



Caroline Moore oversees the Public Utility Commission of Oregon's Strategy and Integration Division, including the implementation of Oregon's landmark House Bill 2021 (Clean Energy) and House Bill 2475 (Energy Equity). Caroline has experience working on several sides Oregon's utility sector, serving for four years as OPUC Staff, and, prior to that, working in the renewable markets industry and in customer solutions at PacifiCorp.

Acronyms

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

IRP - integrated resource plan

IOU - Investor owned utility

NWPCC - Northwest Power and Conservation Council



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Acronyms

OPUC - Oregon Public Utility Commission

PBR - performance based regulation

PSE - Puget Sound Energy

RA - resource adequacy

RES - renewable energy standard

RPS - renewable portfolio standard

RFP - request for proposal

RMI - Rocky Mountain Institute

Thank you for joining us!

**Join us for our next session on June 29:
Electricity Markets' Role in Delivering Clean Energy**

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