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# Decarbonizing the Northwest

## Webinar Series

**June 29: Electricity Markets' Role  
in Delivering Clean Energy**

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A more integrated western grid brings efficiencies and opportunities for decarbonization. Electricity markets are increasingly important for flexibility and resource adequacy. This panel will focus on two key issues - ensuring that governing bodies represent the public interest and all Western stakeholders; and the design needs to effectively promote customer-side resources.

## Moderator

**Lauren McCloy**  
**Policy Director**  
**NW Energy Coalition**



Lauren McCloy joined the NW Energy Coalition as Policy Director in 2021. Previously, Lauren worked as Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Jay Inslee (WA) where she led and managed a broad range of issues in support of the Governor's energy agenda. Before that, Lauren was the Legislative Director for the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC), where she was the commission's liaison to the State Legislature and the Governor's office and was responsible for developing and coordinating the UTC's legislative activities. Lauren was previously a policy advisor at the UTC, where she advised commissioners on energy policy and legislative issues starting in 2014. Before joining the UTC's policy staff, Lauren worked as a Compliance Investigator in the UTC's Consumer Protection Division. She has experience working for the Washington state Senate Ways and Means Committee and several non-profit organizations focused on renewable energy, energy efficiency, and consumer advocacy. Lauren has a B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an M.S. in International Development from Tulane University Law School.



## Speaker

**Robin Arnold**  
**Markets & Transmission Director**  
**Renewable Northwest**



Robin joined Renewable Northwest in May 2021 as Markets and Transmission Director after working as a policy analyst for the Montana Public Service Commission for nearly seven years, where she represented the PSC in regional stakeholder groups such as Northern Grid. At Renewable Northwest, Robin works on issues including expansion of regional markets in the West and BPA transmission. Robin earned a B.A. in International Affairs from Sweet Briar College and an MSc Econ in Political Science from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth.

## Speaker

**Jennifer Chen**  
**Senior Manager, Clean Energy**  
**World Resources Institute**



Jennifer Chen works to help shape electricity policies at the World Resources Institute and as an independent consultant. Previously, Jennifer led federal electricity policy work at the Nicholas Institute at Duke University. She was an attorney with NRDC and began her energy career at FERC. Jennifer earned a J.D. from New York University and a Physics Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. She is a Senior Fellow in electricity policy at R Street, Senior Policy Counsel at CO2Efficient, a board member at the Council for New Energy Economics, and a member of the U.S. Department of Energy Electricity Advisory Committee.



## Speaker

**Rebecca Wagner**  
**Founder and President**  
**Wagner Strategies**



Rebecca Wagner is the founder and President of Wagner Strategies where she advises clients on regulatory and utility matters, clean energy and climate policy, and western energy market development. Rebecca currently serves on the board of Gridworks and is a member of the Western EIM Governance Review Committee. Prior to creating Wagner Strategies, Rebecca served over 9 years as a Commissioner on the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada and served as the chair of the Western Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) Transitional Committee.

## Acronyms

**BAA** - balancing area authority

**CAISO** - California independent system operator

**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

**EDAM** - Extended Day Ahead Market, proposed by CAISO

**FERC** - Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

**IRP** - integrated resource plan

**IOU** - investor owned utility



## Acronyms

**ISO** - independent system operator

**RA** - resource adequacy

**RES** - renewable energy standard

**RPS** - renewable portfolio standard

**RTO** - regional transmission operator

**SPP** - Southwest Power Pool

**WEIM** - Western Energy Imbalance Market, run by CAISO

**WEIS** - Western Energy Imbalance Services, run by SPP

**WPP** - Western Power Pool

**WRAP** - Western Resource Adequacy Program, managed by WPP

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