

A photograph of a wind farm at sunset. The sky is filled with orange and yellow clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon. Several wind turbines are visible in the distance, silhouetted against the bright sky. In the foreground, there is a field of green crops, likely corn. A dark grey diagonal shape cuts across the right side of the image, serving as a background for the text.

HB 3141 Energy Trust Equity Performance Metrics UM 1158

August 4, 2022



Agenda



- 2:00 Introductions
- 2:05 Project outline and schedule
- 2:15 Community Café experience
- 3:20 Group debrief
- 3:30 Adjourn

Hello



For those online, please introduce yourself in the chat.

Please rename yourself to include your organization.

For those on the phone, we'll call on you so we can rename you.

HB 3141



Extended funding by 10 years (until 2035) for Public Purpose Charge, continuing to fund

- Energy efficiency and other investments in schools through Oregon Department of Energy
- Low income weatherization through Oregon Housing and Community Services
- Housing grants through Oregon Housing and Community Services
- Renewables + distribution-system connected technologies through Energy Trust

Energy efficiency funded separately through Energy Trust from efficiency tariffs

Requires Energy Trust to jointly develop utility-specific budget and action plans with individual utilities

Establishes equity metrics to assess and create accountability for environmental justice in Energy Trust expenditures

Energy Efficiency



- Energy efficiency is when customers are encouraged to use less energy through incentives/rebates/discounts, education, or behavior
- Energy efficiency is an alternative to buying more power plants, wind/solar, batteries, wires, fuel, pipes, etc.
- Energy efficiency is “cost-effective” when it is cheaper than the alternative investment
- Energy Trust to acquire all cost-effective energy efficiency
- Energy Trust can only acquire cost-effective energy efficiency
 - There are exceptions

Energy Trust



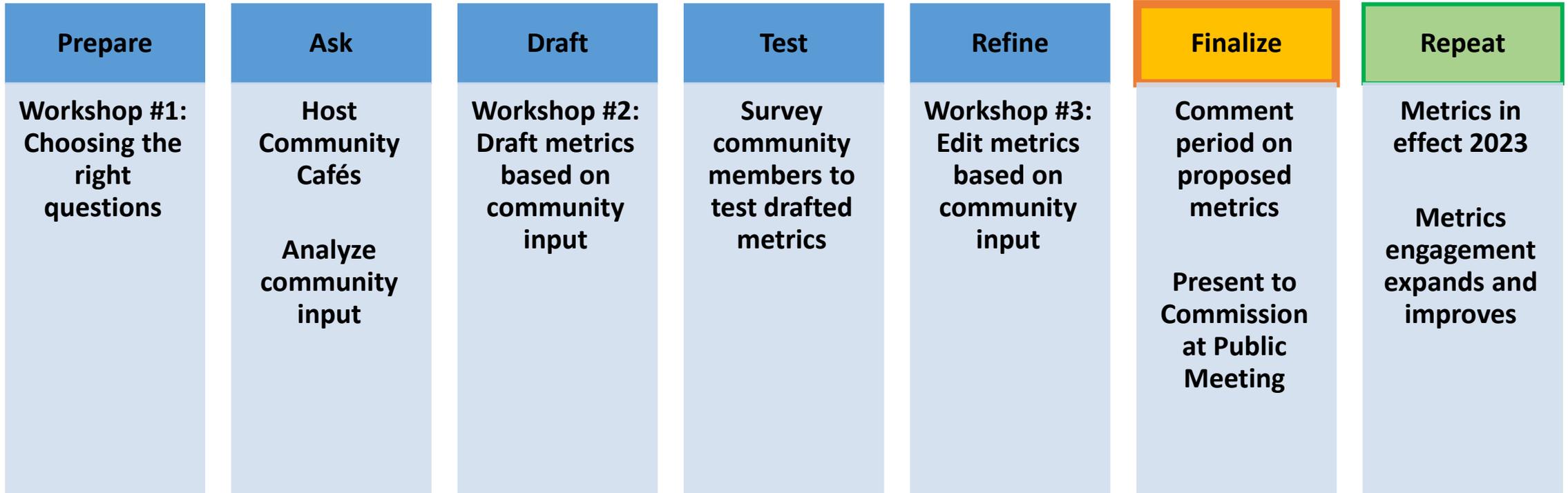
- Independent nonprofit
- Grant agreement from OPUC to acquire energy efficiency and install small-scale renewables and distribution system-connected technologies
- Funding from ratepayers of PGE, Pacific Power, Avista, Cascade Natural Gas, and Northwest Natural
- Programs, incentives and services for residential, multifamily, commercial, nonprofit, industrial and agricultural customers
- Operating since 2002

SCHEDULE



	2022												2023						
	July			August			September			October			November			December			January
Workshops				WS			WS			WS									New equity metrics in effect
Community engagements					Café			Survey											
Comment Period				-> ongoing input opportunities ->						Draft metrics									
Commission decision																		PM	

Public Input Process 2022



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Prepare

**Workshop #1:
Choosing the
right questions**

Ask

**Host Community
Cafés**

**Analyze
community
input**

Workshop #1: Introduce the project plan and schedule, preview the Café experience, and collect feedback that will inform café topics.

Community Cafés: Small group discussions with community members inviting conversations about energy efficiency priorities. Community members will be involved in deciding what topics should become a metric.

4 Cafés targeting key groups:

- Low income centered
- BIPOC communities (2)
- Rural (in person)

These environmental justice communities are also Energy Trust's three focus areas for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

Public Input Process 2022



Draft

Workshop #2:
Draft metrics
based on
community
input

Test

Survey
community
members to
test drafted
metrics

Workshop #2: Report back on what we heard from communities and propose some metric topics based on that feedback. Attendees will be involved in identifying specific metrics.

Survey: Return to the community members and test out the drafted metrics. They will be involved in metric refinement.

Public Input Process 2022



Refine

Workshop #3:
Edit metrics
based on
community
input

Finalize

**Comment period
on proposed
metrics**

**Present to
Commission at
Public Meeting**

Workshop #3: Report back on what we heard from community members and discuss adjustments to the metrics. Consult with attendees on additional changes.

Finalize: A public comment period open to everyone. Staff will incorporate feedback into a memo for a Public Meeting in November.

Coming Up



We will run Community Cafés during the month of August

Keep an eye out for invitations to our next two workshops late August and September.

Join the UM 1158 docket mailing list

Send email request to puc.hearings@puc.oregon.gov

Thank You!



Please reach out if you have questions.

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Extra Background Information

HB 3141 Language



“The Public Utility Commission shall establish, and update no less than once every four years, equity metrics for the purpose of assessing, addressing and creating accountability for environmental justice in the expenditure and investment of funds collected pursuant to ORS 757.054, through natural gas tariffs or through public purpose charges pursuant to ORS 757.612 and paid to a nongovernmental entity. The equity metrics and each update required by this section must reflect feedback gathered through a public process that is managed by the commission and that, at a minimum, includes representatives of environmental justice communities.”

Definitions



These definitions are provided to generally help discuss metric development. More precise definitions may be used for specific metrics.

Environmental justice: “the equal treatment, protection from environmental and health hazards, and meaningful involvement of environmental justice communities in the development, implementation and enforcement of regulations and policies that affect the environment in which people live, work, learn, practice spirituality and play.”

Environmental justice communities: Includes “communities of color, communities experiencing lower incomes, tribal communities, rural communities, coastal communities, communities with limited infrastructure and other communities traditionally underrepresented in public processes and adversely harmed by environmental and health hazards, including but not limited to seniors, youth and persons with disability.”

Lower incomes: households with income less than or equal to 120 percent of state median income

Low income: households with income less than or equal to 80 percent of state median income

Rural: geographically dispersed, resource constrained, and economically fragile

OPUC's 2020 DEI Metrics



- Implement the data enhancement project as outlined in the 2020 Budget and Action Plan and deliver a minimum of four reports to the Diversity Advisory Council.
- Implement and publish the “DEI Lens” project as outlined in the 2020 Budget and Action Plan and approved by the Diversity Advisory Council.
- Complete 1,000 projects with trade allies that are minority-owned businesses in 2020.
- Implement a rural-focused workshop as outlined in the 2020 Budget and Action Plan.

OPUC's 2021 DEI Metrics



- Implement a supplier diversity tracking system as outlined in the 2021 Budget and Action Plan.
- Develop a trade ally dashboard to track diverse spend in trade ally activities with stakeholder participation.
- Complete implicit bias training for all hiring managers.

OPUC's 2022 DEI Metrics



- Energy Trust will come to the equity performance metrics discussions prepared to provide information requested by the Commission as outlined in the Budget related to:
 - Key communities by utility service territory
 - Impact of alternative fuels, and
 - Low-cost cooling measure opportunities.
- Energy Trust shall conduct a minimum of four engagement activities with community organizations to present, refine and finalize Energy Trust goals for DEI Operations.