



Notice of Public Workshop and Series

Docket No. UM 1158 Equity Metrics for the Energy Trust of Oregon under HB 3141 Target setting for 2023 equity metrics

Invitation to Public Workshop

Staff would like to invite stakeholders to attend a workshop on equity metrics implementation as follow-up to the Public Meeting December 13, 2022. The workshop will be **Monday, January 30, 2023 from 2:30 – 4:00 pm PT**. This workshop is the beginning of the implementation phase of Energy Trust’s 2023 equity metrics.

Workshop #4—Targets and Definitions

Date: January 30, 2023

Time: 2:30 – 4:00 pm Pacific Time

Access: 1. Join our webinar:

<https://puc-oregon-gov.zoomgov.com/j/1601102201?pwd=aW02QUY2Uk9HVzBZSWJqN2ZlMHNldz09>

2. Join by phone:

Call 669 254 5252

Meeting ID: 160 110 2201

Passcode: 8681714590

Find your local number: <https://puc-oregon-gov.zoomgov.com/u/ahiOsFLUc>

Purpose of Workshop

On December 13, 2022, the Commission approved new equity metrics for Energy Trust of Oregon, in compliance with House Bill 3141.¹² These equity metrics approved by the Commission are long-term measures for monitoring Energy Trust progress, activities and investments. In the design of the metrics, Staff intends to develop accompanying measurable targets for each equity metric. Annually, Staff proposes targets for all of Energy Trust’s performance measures for the year. Targets for the new equity metrics will now be included with all the other targets for annual performance.

In the next workshop, we will discuss development of specific targets for 2023 and definitions of terms. Your input will help Staff identify appropriate targets for these metrics. Staff will post

¹ Order No. 22-478: <https://apps.puc.state.or.us/orders/2022ords/22-478.pdf>

² HB 3141: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB3141/B-Engrossed>

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proposed targets for each metric for public comment after the workshop before seeking Commission approval.

Workshop Topics

Staff will provide draft definitions and background data in advance of the workshop to prepare for the discussion on setting specific targets for each metric.

Below, we present the approved equity metrics followed by the relevant information that Staff anticipates providing in advance of the workshop. Also included below is a summary chart with context for each metric.

If you have additional suggestions for definitions, clarifications, or data, **please email Anna Kim at anna.kim@puc.oregon.gov with your suggestion by January 17, 2023.** We will do our best to bring it to the workshop.

Metric 1: Access to Support for Communities

Increased support to nonprofit organizations with a purpose to serve environmental justice communities or to support nonprofit-led initiatives serving environmental justice communities. Increased support can be incentives, training and funding for energy efficiency upgrades, solar, or solar-with-storage projects.

Desired outcome at workshop:

- Desired degree or range of increased support for 2023

Information to be provided

- Proposed definition of “support” including incentives, training and funding
- Information on Energy Trust activities and spending in 2022

Metric 2: Access to Information

Increased funding to support targeted outreach to environmental justice communities, including funding for community ambassadors, education, and workshops.

Desired outcome at workshop

- Desired degree or range of increased funding for 2023

Information to be provided

- Proposed definition of "ambassador"
- Information on Energy Trust activities and spending in 2022

Metric 3: Energy Burden Reduction

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New and expanded low-cost and no-cost offers to reduce energy burden created and launched.

Desired outcome at workshop

- Desired degree or range of expanded measures for 2023

Information to be provided

- Proposed definition of "offer", "low Cost", "energy burden", and "expanded"
- Information on Energy Trust activities and spending in 2022

Metric 4: Community Resilience

Solar and solar-with-storage system projects supported for low and moderate-income residents in areas with limited infrastructure or high energy burden.

Desired outcome at workshop

- Desired degree or range of expanded measures for 2023

Information to be provided

- Proposed definition of "projects", "supported", "limited infrastructure", and "energy burden"
- Information on Energy Trust activities and spending in 2022

If you would like additional information for the workshop that has not been listed here, please contact Anna at anna.kim@puc.oregon.gov by January 17, 2023.

Summary of Equity Metrics

Theme	Metrics Proposed	Equity Dimension	Barrier Addressed	Feedback Source
1. Access to support for communities	Increased support to nonprofit organizations with a purpose to serve environmental justice communities or to support nonprofit-led initiatives serving environmental justice communities. Increased support can be incentives, training and funding for energy efficiency upgrades, solar, or solar-with-storage projects.	Structural, Distributive	Lack of capital to participate in traditional programs	Cave Junction UM 2114

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2. Access to information	Increased funding to support targeted outreach to environmental justice communities, including funding for community ambassadors, education and workshops.	Procedural, Distributive	Connecting to trusted and relatable energy information	Cave Junction Conéctate UM 2114
3. Energy burden reduction	New and expanded low-cost and no-cost offers to reduce energy burden created and launched.	Structural, Distributive	Lack of capital to participate in traditional programs	Cave Junction UM 2114
4. Community resilience	Solar and solar-with-storage system projects supported for low and moderate income residents in areas with limited infrastructure or high energy burden.	Distributive	Limited resources and increased costs for projects in some areas	Cave Junction

Background

On July 27, 2021, Oregon House Bill 3141 was signed into law. HB 3141 makes numerous changes to laws governing the collection and use of the Public Purpose Charge (PPC). HB 3141 extends collection of the PPC to 2036 and reduces the amount from 3 percent to 1.5 percent by shifting all energy conservation funding for energy efficiency out of the PPC and into utility rates.

HB 3141 obligates the PUC to establish equity metrics to assess and create accountability for environmental justice in the expenditure of energy conservation funds. These metrics must reflect feedback through a public process that includes, at a minimum, environmental justice communities. As the nongovernmental entity receiving energy conservation funding, Energy Trust of Oregon is required to report on progress toward equity metrics. The PUC must develop equity metrics by December 31, 2022.

“Environmental Justice” has been defined to mean the equal treatment, protection from environmental and health hazards, and meaningful involvement of environmental communities in the development, implementation and enforcement of regulations and policies that affect the environment in which people live, work, learn, practice spiritually and play.

Find out more here: <https://www.oregon.gov/puc/Documents/HB3141-Summary.pdf>

Staff presented initial equity metrics at the December 13, 2022 OPUC public meeting where the measures were approved by the Commission through Order No. 22-478. The approved metrics

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will be applied to Energy Trust in 2023. Staff expects to continue outreach to environmental justice communities in 2023.

After the January 30, 2023 workshop, Staff will post proposed targets for these metrics and invite public comment before presenting them to the Commission at the March 7, 2023 Public Meeting.

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