



Notice of Public Workshop and Schedule Update

April 26, 2024

Revision of Grant Agreement between OPUC and Energy Trust of Oregon

Goal

In 2024, the OPUC and Energy Trust will update and modernize the existing Grant Agreement between the organizations to reflect statutory changes under House Bill 3141. The Agreement affirms the relationship to direct funding and ensure delivery of services required to implement energy efficiency programs in Oregon.

Schedule Overview

On March 15, 2024, Staff proposed an initial schedule for revision to the Grant Agreement in 2024. Today’s announcement includes an update to that initial schedule.

Grant Agreement Public Events	Initial Date	Updated Date
Stakeholder and utility outreach and engagement	March/April, 2024	No Change
Staff publish initial draft Agreement	Thursday, April 25	By Tuesday, May 14
Public comment period	April 26 – May 10	May 15 – May 30
Public workshop	Early May, date TBD	Tuesday, May 21
Staff memo and draft final Agreement posted publicly	Monday, July 1	No Change
Public Meeting for Commission consideration of approval of Agreement	Tuesday, July 9, 2024	No Change

Workshop Announcement

Staff will host a public workshop on **Tuesday, May 21, 2024 from 10:00 – 11:00 am PT** to review proposed updates to the Agreement.

Date: May 21, 2024

Time: 10:00 – 11:00 am Pacific Time

Access: Join ZoomGov Meeting

<https://puc-oregon-gov.zoomgov.com/j/1603066952?pwd=QW9KMIRqV0pReW9waExuN21pRElZZz09>

Meeting ID: 160 306 6952; Passcode: N!9w4Cy.Gb



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Find your local number: <https://puc-oregon-gov.zoomgov.com/join/acsOWrQKN1>

Background

On March 1, 2002, Energy Trust and the PUC entered into a Grant Agreement to establish terms and conditions for the use of funds to be spent on the “Statutory Purposes” including cost effective local energy conservation, new market transformation efforts, the above market costs of new renewable energy, and new low-income weatherization. Previously, in 1999, the Oregon Legislature adopted, and the governor approved, a comprehensive amendment to ORS 757.612, which established funding and authorized the PUC to direct funds to a nongovernmental entity to achieve the Statutory Purposes. Energy Trust was formed as the nongovernmental entity to accept and expend the funds collected for the Statutory Purposes. The Grant Agreement was last revised in 2005.

In 2024, Staff will provide public updates and solicit input. Stakeholders and utilities will have an opportunity to connect with Staff, review a draft of the revised agreement, submit formal comments on the draft agreement, and ultimately provide input on Staff’s recommendations in writing or during a public meeting. Energy Trust and PUC have a strong working relationship grounded in successful delivery of cost-effective energy efficiency and renewable generation to customers of Oregon’s investor-owned utilities. While the updated Agreement is bilateral between PUC and Energy Trust, Staff looks forward to sharing this process and making updates to the Agreement to reflect state policy changes around decarbonization, equity and energy burden, and planning.

References

[Grant Agreement between Energy Trust of Oregon and Public Utility Commission of Oregon](#)

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Staff appreciates the valuable engagement by utilities and stakeholders and looks forward to a productive process. If you have questions or comments, please contact Peter Kernan at (971) 428-7782 or Peter.Kernan@puc.oregon.gov

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