

Docket No. UM 1158 Equity Metrics for the Energy Trust of Oregon under HB 3141

Invitation to Public Workshops

Staff would like to invite stakeholders to attend the next two workshops in a series of public engagement opportunities. The next workshop is on **Thursday, October 27, 1:30 – 3:00 pm PT** with a follow-up event on **Monday, October 31, 10:00 – 11:30 am PT.** Both are intended to inform development of equity metrics for the Energy Trust of Oregon. We encourage everyone to attend both.

Workshop #2—Data Review

| Date: | October 27, 2022 | | |
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| Time: | 1:30 – 3:00 pm Pacific Time | | |
| Access: | 1. Join our webinar: | | |

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84539951592?pwd=Z0ljb1Z3VXd3TnILZVh6SHIzdXdvdz09

2. Join by phone: Call (669) 900-6833 Meeting ID: 845 3995 1592 Passcode: 496065 Find your local number: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kCkMDwavo</u>

Workshop #3—Equity Metrics Suggestions

| Date: | October 31, 2022 | |
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| Time: | 10:00 – 11:30 pm Pacific Time | |
| Access: | 1. Join our webinar: SAME AS ABOVE | |

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Purpose of Workshops

House Bill 3141 requires the OPUC to establish equity metrics to assess and create accountability for environmental justice in the expenditure of energy conservation funds by Energy Trust of Oregon. These metrics must reflect feedback through a public process that includes, at a minimum, environmental justice communities.

The goal of the next two workshops is to present findings from our engagements with environmental justice communities and to identify options for equity metrics topics.

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- On October 27th, the F.C. Hurdle consulting team will present preliminary findings/data from community engagements.
- On October 31st, we will collect feedback from attendees on priority topics for metrics development.

These workshops will be followed by a public comment period open to all stakeholders.

Schedule for Engagement Opportunities

| Engagement Opportunity | Date | Time |
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| Workshop 1: Review the schedule and process for development of equity metrics for Energy Trust, working with communities to inform discussion of metrics with members of various environmental justice communities | Thursday, August 4, 2022 | 2:00 – 3:30 pm PT |
| Workshop 2: Data Review Review data collected from communities to inform equity metrics development | October 27, 2022 | 1:30-3:00 pm PT See access information above |
| Workshop 3: Equity Metrics Suggestions Collect additional thoughts and suggestions for equity metrics | October 31, 2022 | 10:00-11:30 am PT See access information above |
| Open Comment period: Comment period open to the public on proposed metrics | November 7-18, 2022 | |
| Workshop 4: Review summary of feedback and changes made based on feedback | November 30, 2022 | 10:00-11:00 am PT |

Meet our Facilitators

We've partnered with the third-party equity consultant FC Hurdle to support OPUC with this project. FC Hurdle has experience engaging communities across the Pacific Northwest. Along with this, FC Hurdle supports government agencies to infuse policies with the authentic voices of people within the community so growth and improvement can be actualized. These pursuits are realized because FC Hurdle has the lived experience of deeply understanding how inequities play out in Oregon and the knowledge to encourage equitable and inclusive change. For more information, please visit https://fchurdleconsulting.com/

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

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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 will present initial equity metrics at an OPUC public meeting this year for Commission approval. Approved metrics will be applied to Energy Trust in 2023. Staff expects to continue outreach to environmental justice communities in 2023.

Join the Service List

If you would like to join the service list for UM 1158 to engage in this docket, please email <u>puc.hearings@puc.oregon.gov</u>

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