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#### Attendees:

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| **CNGC** | **CNGC – Continued** | **NEEA** | **WA Dept of Comm** |
| Desiree Bickmore | Stephanie Reed | Peter Christeleit | Liz Reichert |
| Mike Parvinen | Sheila McElhinney |  | Lauren Savage Wittig |
| Kary Burin | Joseph Lennan | **Public Council** | **The Energy Project** |
| Caleb Reimer | David Pettit | Corey Dahl | Shaylee Stokes |
| Noemi Ortiz | Sonya Wald |  | **Guests** |
| Brian Robertson |  | **WUTC** | Gil (Hugh) Peach |
| Jacinda Ashby | **TRC** | Byron Harmon | Adam Thomas (ADM) |
| Jodie Albert | Brian Farnsworth | Quinn Weber |  |

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*\*\* Time stamp for each agenda item is located beside the topic header below in this format HH:MM*

***The Agenda is embedded below:***

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### Safety Moment - *led by Caleb Reimer –29 seconds*

* Traveling Safety.

### Roll Call & Review Q2 action items - *led by Dez Bickmore – 00:01*

**Action Items: *ADM to look further into any equity analysis or learnings in the Residential Impact EM&V. ADM will respond to Quinn and CNGC with any thoughts or findings.***

**Decisions Made: *The conversation is ongoing.***

**Noted Discussion:**

* Completed roll call.
* Update provided to action item from Q2 meeting.
  + Will inform of any updates in future meetings

### Quarterly Portfolio update - *led by Brian Farnsworth &* *David Pettit*

### Commercial Highlights through Q2 2024 *– led by Brian Farnsworth - 00:09*

**Action Items:**  **None**

**Decisions Made: None**

**Noted Discussion:**

* + Completed 50 projects through Q2Y24.
  + Several C/I outreach efforts continued through Q2Y24.
  + Currently sixty-three (63%) percent to goal.
  + Jumbo check presentation ($331,000.00) event with Fred Meyer took pace in Richland, WA on 7/9/24.
  + Pipeline for the year is still strong with many standard and custom projects already identified.
  + Right on track this year to reach annual goal and biennial goal.
  + Byron Harmon asked if any additionality analysis when it comes to these projects, store already in process of installing insulation then offered incentive…how incentivizing works in this situation?

Per Brian & Caleb: The program is always mindful of free rider issues while seeking all energy saving opportunities.  Via chat, Brian clarified this project was planning to use an insulation level lower than program requirements. By stopping in and meeting with this business they decided to increase the planned insulation level to meet program requirements and qualify for an incentive.

Looking for bus wraps for Whatcom County market, possibly residential/commercial mix.

### Residential Program Highlights and Activity through Q2 2024 - *led by David Pettit* *– 00:24*

**Action Items:**  **None**

**Decisions Made: None**

**Noted Discussion:**

* + Processing pace for Q1/Q2 2024 is 110% of 2023 processing pace.
  + Byron Harmon asked if now focusing on particular measures that save more therms?

Per Caleb: Yes, it is a different measure mix we are looking at this year due to select increased incentives in the 2024-2025 Biennial Conservation Plan. The goal is to see a shift and increase in these projects and that is starting to occur.

* + CNGC is forecasting program expenditures to approach 120% of the annual conservation budget, directly related to therm savings and incentive dollars exceeding forecast.
  + As of the end of Q2 2024, we have achieved 32% of our biennial goal.
  + Dollars per therm for 2024 is up 9% under the new tariff and therm savings is up 16%.
  + Receiving positive feedback from customers and contractors.

### EM&V Update – *led by Adam Thomas (ADM) – 00:34*

**Action Items:*****Adam and/or Caleb will get back to Byron via email after this meeting regarding his question about if there was any indication how close incentive was for customer to participate, was there a tipping point?***

**Decisions Made: None**

**Noted Discussion:**

* Conducted a process evaluation for the 2022-2023 period.
* Adam went over findings and recommendations for Residential/Low-Income/Commercial.
* Question from Byron –
  + Incentives to small/low to participate--Any indication how close incentive was for tipping point?
  + Adam and Caleb to get back to Byron on this and will email Byron after this meeting.
* Kary highlighted the Point-of-Sale aspect.
* Builders dissatisfied with changes in WA building codes and not motivated to participate.
* CAP Agencies provided some recommendations for improvement of participation.

### Low-Income Program Updates *– led by* **Sheila McElhinney & Noemi Ortiz** *– 01:04*

**Action Items: None**

**Decisions Made: None**

**Noted Discussion:**

* Sheila provided update on participation through Q2Y24.
* Completed 32 projects.
* Shaylee Stokes mentioned that she appreciates all the engagement and hears it from the agencies, too, how positive the relationship is with Cascade.
* Dept. of Commerce updates provided-they are recruiting new work force development staff, including youth weatherization program.
* Liz Reichart gave additional Commerce updates –
  + Soon to roll out IRA funded home energy rebate programs
  + Whole-home energy efficiency program, no news on that until possibly 2025

### 2025 Conservation Potential Assessment (CPA) – *led* **by Caleb Reimer** *- 01:12*

**Action Items:**  **None**

**Decisions Made: None**

**Noted Discussion:**

* + The 2025 Conservation Potential Assessment (CPA) will be started this year.
  + CAG will receive a draft by 5/1/2025; filed in a new docket by 6/1/2025.
  + Work is anticipated to begin in August 2024.

### NEEA Cycle 7 Funding – *led* **by Caleb Reimer** - *01:14*

**Action Items:**  **None**

**Decisions Made: None**

**Noted Discussion:**

* + NEEA (Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance) is an alliance of 140+ utilities and organizations.
  + CNGC has received draft Cycle 7 funding commitments for 2025-2029, for WA only.
  + Provided potential changes from Cycle 7 business plan, planning impacts from HB 1589.
  + Will likely focus on dual fuel and commercial measures.

### 2022-23 Biennial Report Updates – *led by Caleb Reimer – 01:17*

**Action Items:**  **None**

**Decisions Made: None**

**Noted Discussion:**

* A final version of Biennial Program report, covering program years 2022 and 2023, was filed prior to the 6/15/24 deadline.
* The 2024 report will cover a single year, filed by 6/15/2025.

### Wrap-up - Meeting Schedule & Invitation *-* **led by Caleb Reimer** *- 01:18*

**Action Items:**  **None**

**Decisions Made: None**

**Noted Discussion:**

* 2024 Meeting Cadence:
* October 23, 2024 Quarterly meeting, last one for 2024.