

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation-CAG 2025 Q1 Meeting Minutes 01/15/2025

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Attendees:

<u>CNGC</u>	<u>CNGC – Continued</u>	<u>NEEA</u>	<u>The Energy Project</u>
Desiree Bickmore	Stephanie Reed	Peter Christeleit	Shaylee Stokes
Mike Parvinen	Sheila McElhinney		
Kary Burin	David Pettit	<u>WA Dept of Comm</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Caleb Reimer	Sonya Wald	Lauren Savage Wittig	Sedge Lucas-ADM Energy
Noemi Ortiz	Kathy Wold		Melissa Kosla-ADM Energy
Brian Robertson		<u>WUTC</u>	Robert Oliver-ADM Energy
Jacinda Ashby	<u>TRC</u>	Byron Harmon	Kenneth Walter-AEG
Jodie Albert	Brian Farnsworth	Quinn Weber	Caleb Lee-AEG

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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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Meeting Agenda.pdf

Safety Moment - led by Caleb Reimer –54 seconds

- Sleep Deprivation

Roll Call & Review Q4 action items - led by Dez Bickmore – 00:02

Action Items:

Decisions Made:

Noted Discussion:

- No action items from Q4.
- Completed roll call.

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Quarterly Portfolio update - led by Brian Farnsworth & David Pettit

Commercial Highlights through Q3Y24 – led by Brian Farnsworth - 00:08

Action Items: None

Decisions Made: None

Noted Discussion:

- Brian provided an update of progress to C/I customers.
- Completed 295 gas saving measures through Q4Y24.
- Quinn asked what accounts for the January therms starting at, we'll call it 150,000 and are there any that you expect to have the same situation in 2025? **00:11**
 - Brian responded that we had a number of therms that were initially recognized in 2023 that we realized they passed the date of 2023 delivery, so Cascade requested the therms be recognized in 2024
 - Brian also responded that he doesn't think that we'll see that this year
- Several C/I outreach efforts continued through Q4Y24.
- As of December 2024, achieved 102% of goal.

Residential Program Highlights and Activity through Q4 2024 - led by David Pettit – 00:14

Action Items: None

Decisions Made: None

Noted Discussion:

- Saved 8% more therms in 2024 compared to 2023.
- Currently at 153% of the 2024 BCP budget, in line with expectations based on therm savings.
- As of the end of Q4 2024, we have achieved 70% of our biennial residential therm goal.

Residential Envelope EM&V Update – led by Jodie Albert & Sedge Lucas - 00:19

Action Items: None

Decisions Made: None

Noted Discussion:

- ADM completed previous evaluation for CNGC.
- A draft Residential Envelope EM&V report will be submitted to the CAG approximately 5/1/2025.
- Evaluation is progressing smoothly and yielding positive metrics for the program.

2025 Conservation Potential Assessment (CPA) – led by Jodie Albert & Ken Walter - 00:40

Action Items: None

Decisions Made: None

Noted Discussion:

- Ken (AEG) provided a CPA Process overview and status update.
- The 2025 CPA will provide new projections using updated data.
- Quinn asked if it was taken into account changes to the building code as a result of initiative 2066? **00:52**
 - Ken responded yes, that is a constant conversation in WA
- Quinn asked at what point you will be finalizing this analysis and, if there's a future in which 2066 is later struck down, will you just revert back to the previous analysis or do you have some sort of contingency plan? **00:56**

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- Ken gave short answer to that stating there is a few places in the model that does touch and being able to talk with Cascade about rerunning this setup with the modified assumptions. Once the model is assembled and built, things like that can be addressed in alternative scenario modeling
- A draft report will be submitted to the CAG by 5/1/2025.
- The final report will be filed by 6/1/2025.

Low-Income Program Updates – led by Sheila McElhinney & Noemi Ortiz – 01:00

Action Items: None

Decisions Made: None

Noted Discussion:

- Noemi provided an update on participation through Q4Y24.
- Completed 61 projects, projected about 105.
- Currently, no commerce updates, will have distributed to the CAG if any do arise.

Home Energy Report Update – led by Caleb Reimer – 01:04

Action Items:

Decisions Made: None

Noted Discussion:

- Cascade Natural Gas has partnered with Brillion, previously EnergyX Solutions, to develop a Home Energy Report Pilot program.
- ADM Associates, Inc. has been selected to complete third party EM&V for this pilot to verify savings estimates.
- A draft project report will be shared with the group once available.

ERA Software Migration Update – led by Caleb Reimer – 01:06

Action Items: None

Decisions Made: None

Noted Discussion:

- CNGC has migrated to the Enterprise Rebate Application (ERA) for rebate processing in 2025.
- Customers can utilize their Cascade Natural Gas account login to view and submit rebates.
- Partner education and onboarding is in process. Database review and report optimization will be occurring in Q1 2025.

Wrap-up - Meeting Schedule & Invitation - led by Caleb Reimer - 01:09

Action Items: None

Decisions Made: None

Noted Discussion:

- 2025 Meeting Cadence:
 - The 2025 meeting invitations have been dispersed. The next meeting will be held on April 16, 2025