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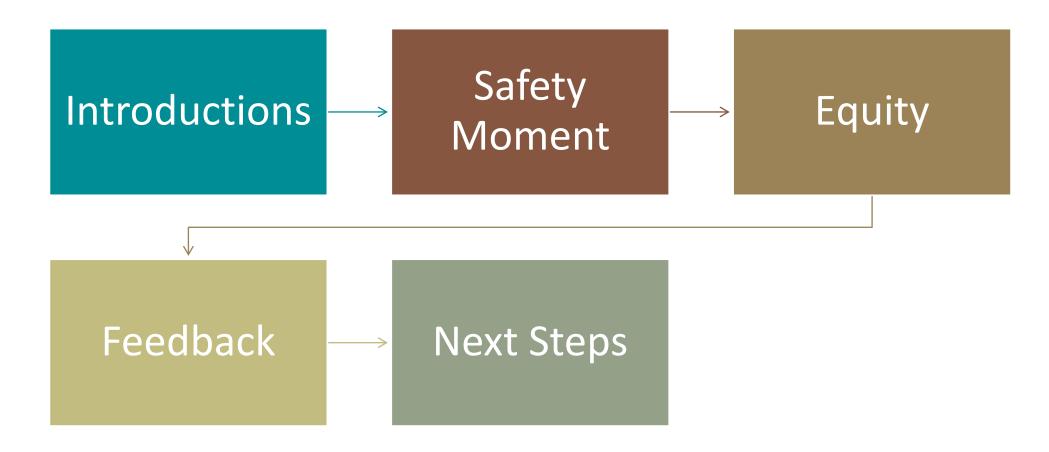
Washington Integrated Resource Plan Targeted Technical Advisory Group Meeting #4

MARCH 28, 2024

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Agenda





Safety Moment

Careful Cleaning Keeping our homes and workspaces clean and tidy can come with hazards. Staying safe while keeping your spaces clean can be done by following a few simple steps:



PROTECT YOURSELF

Wear proper protective clothing and safety equipment when cleaning and using chemicals.

KNOW YOUR CHEMICALS

Read all the instructions and warnings on chemical labels. NEVER mix chemicals.

STAY ALERT

Be aware of your surroundings and watch for hazards.

Warn others if there are hazards, such as wet floors.

BE PREPARED

Have emergency plans in place and know where the first-aid kit is located.

Have the phone number to Poison Control available.



Equity

What is Equity?

Equity in the energy sector tries to achieve energy justice by:

- Addressing disparities so that everyone has a fair opportunity to benefit from natural gas service or utility programs
- Remediating social, economic, and health burdens faced by marginalized communities
- Including affected communities in the decision-making process for energy policies, project and infrastructure



Rate Case Order 09 in UG-210755

The Legislature established the Washington Office of equity, which set out the following principle of equity:

- Equity requires developing, strengthening, and supporting policies and procedures that distribute and prioritize resources to those who have been historically and currently marginalized, including tribes;
- Equity requires the elimination of systemic barriers that have been deeply entrenched in systems of inequality and oppression; and
- Equity achieves procedural and outcome fairness, promoting dignity, honor, and respect for all people



What is Energy Justice?

The four tenets of Energy Justice are:

Recognition Justice

Procedural Justice

Distributional Justice

Restorative Justice



Specific Examples of Energy Justice Procedural Justice

- Post IRP meetings, materials, and recordings online
 - Cascade is working towards having all posted pdfs translated into Spanish





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WASHINGTON | CASCADE NATURAL GAS | NATURAL GAS – INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN

The What: Cascade's Integrated Resource Plan describes the two- to four-year and twenty-year expectation of how Cascade expects to safely serve customers' energy needs at the lowest reasonable and safe cost. The analyses in this 12–18-month process includes existing and potential new pipelines and natural gas supply contracts (among others) as well as benefits of energy efficiency to customers. The IRP provides comprehensive and transparent insight into how Cascade plans for customers' energy future. To view what an IRP looks like, please see Previous Years' IRP at the bottom of the page. The Executive Summary and Key Points are designed to provide a quick, but

The Who: Customers and the general public are invited to participate in a series of meetings on the variety of topics contained in the IRP, including energy efficiency and carbon emission reductions. Together, customers and the general public participating in the IRP process are called Stakeholders. Stakeholders also include the professional analytical staffs of the state utility commissions and groups representing residential and industrial customers. Community-based organizations and independent experts also

How it works: The IRP process begins with a kick-off meeting to lay out the 12-18 month schedule of four to six meetings as well as provide an overview of what issues will be covered. These meetings are called Technical Advisory Group meetings or TAGs. Links are available to the TAG presentations, minutes, and written responses to Stakeholder's requests and comments.

What to expect: Expectations of participants and tips for the best way for Stakeholders (including customers and the general public) are described in Cascade's Stakeholder Engagement Design Document, This is a "living document" and suggestions for improvement are welcome.

Sign up! Join Cascade's distribution list. You may participate in multiple ways, ranging from attending the TAG meetings (either in-person or remotely) and receiving the agendas/presentations to opportunity to comment. Do so by contacting the Supervisor of Resource Planning, Brian Robertson at either Brian Robertson@cngc.com or (509) 221-9808. You may also contact the Company's IRP email address at irp@cngc.com. Cascade uses MSTeams as its means to connect participants remotely. MSTeams is a free application to be used by Stakeholders including customers and the general public.

Accommodations: As shown as point #1 on page 2 of the Stakeholder Engagement Design Document, Cascade will provide reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities. Additionally, the Company will reasonably accommodate items such as requests for meeting locations, audio and visual capabilities, and other items requested by external stakeholders. If you have a request for accommodations, please reach out to one of the contacts listed above and the Company will gladly coordinate any reasonable requests for accommodations.

Pre- and Post-IRP feedback report

IRP Public Process Timeline 2025 IRP Targeted-TAG #1 - Thursday, January 25, 2024 Microsoft Teams Only - 9 AM PST to 10 AM PST What is an IRP and how to get involved

- · Targeted TAG 1 Presentation
- Targeted TAG 1 Minutes
- . Targeted TAG 1 Video Recording



2025 IRP Targeted-TAG #2 - Thursday, February 15, 2024 Microsoft Teams Only - 9 AM PST to 10 AM PST Avoided Cost

- Targeted TAG 2 Presentation
- Targeted TAG 2 Minutes
- Targeted TAG 2 Video Recording

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Specific Examples of Energy Justice

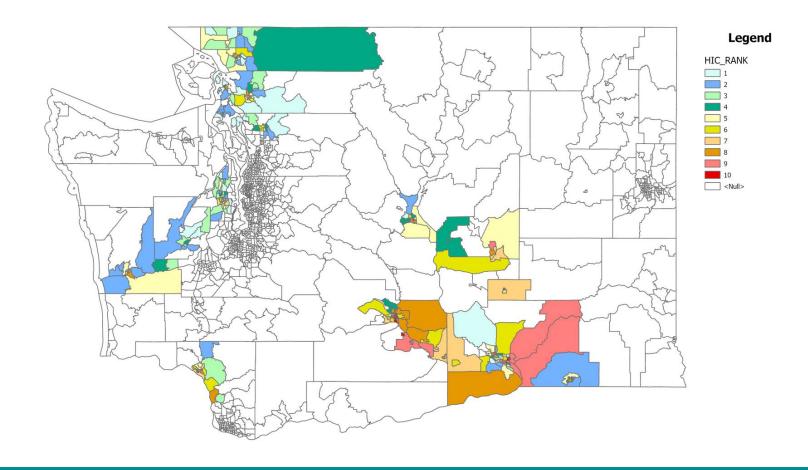
Procedural Justice

- Customer communications on the IRP Process will be through multiple communication channels and in multiple languages
 - As recommended by Equity Advisory Group
- Hold a meeting(s) in the community
 - Based on feedback the from Equity Advisory Group,
 Cascade may partner with other scheduled community meetings
 - Cascade will provide childcare and food, and will have a Spanish translator present at the meeting



Specific Examples of Energy Justice Recognition Justice

Map highly impacted communities

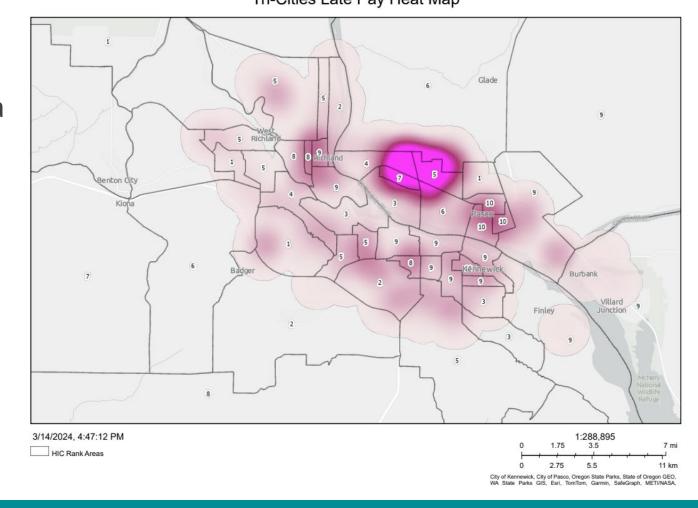




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Specific Examples of Energy Justice Recognition Justice Tri-Cities Late Pay Heat Map

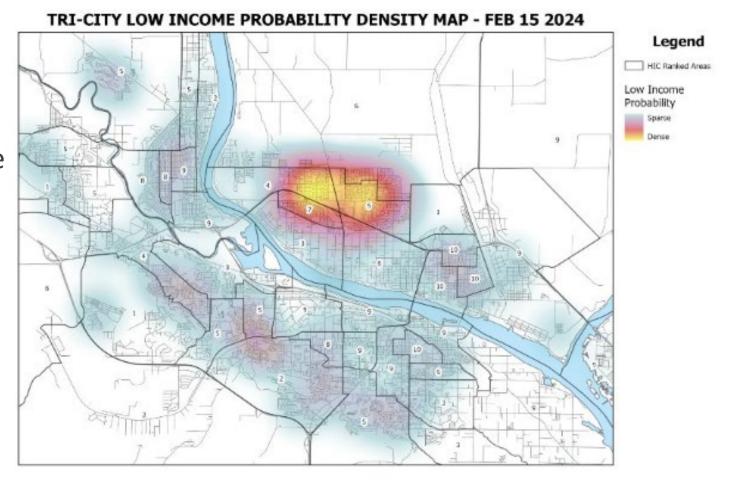
 Merge highly impacted community data with billing data (arrearages, program participation, disconnection for nonpayment, etc.)





Specific Examples of Energy Justice Recognition Justice

 Map the areas most likely to have low-income residents based on Cascade's Low-Income Propensity Model





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Specific Examples of Energy Justice Distributional Justice

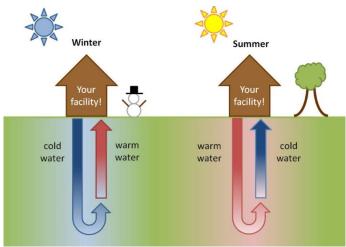
 Develop cost benefit analyses for projects measuring costs and benefits for highly impacted communities



Specific Examples of Energy Justice Restorative Justice

- The Cascade Arrearage Relief and Energy Savings program (CARES) alleviates energy burden for low-income customers
- Enhanced targeted conservation programs
- Pilot decarbonization programs that would encourage businesses to stay in the communities for jobs and economic health
- Pilot projects such as community geothermal projects for residential heating and cooling or residential and commercial hybrid heating systems







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- Procured a low income needs assessment study
- Hired a full-time employee to oversee equity

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation: Low-Income Rate Analysis for Washington

Prepared for:

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation

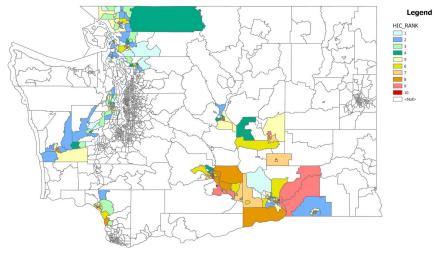
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May 31, 2022



- Mapped Cascade's Highly Impacted Communities
- Merged Highly Impacted Community data with billing data to identify correlations and trends which may point to inequities
- Mapped the census tracts most apt to be low-income per our Low-Income Propensity Model



- Established an Equity Advisory Group
 - Comprised of seven members living in and representing different vulnerable populations
 - Monthly meetings on regulatory proceedings, filings, Company outreach, and planning



- Improved accessibility of customer communications for linguistically isolated customers
 - Access to customer communications in multiple languages
 - Improved readability of translations
 - Working on providing all pdfs posted on cngc.com in both English and Spanish





- Improved bill pay assistance by offering a bill discount and arrearage relief program (CARES)
 - CARES program designed in collaboration with the Company's Advisory Group
 - Piloting the use of community-based organization for outreach to hard-to reach populations



- A Vice President equity sponsor will oversee the integration of equity
- Create a benefit cost analysis template for projects
 - Collaborate with the Equity Advisory Group on its development
 - Integrate use of the benefit cost analysis template for company projects



- Continue engagement with the Washington Equity Advisory Group
 - Discuss the multi-year rate plan, IRP, Climate Commitment Act, potential pilot projects
- Establish the Oregon Equity Advisory Group
 - Identify vulnerable populations
 - Solicit then choose community representatives
 - Establish regular meetings to begin collaboration



- Continued engagement
 - Technical Advisory Group
 - CARES Advisory Group
 - Conservation Advisory Group





When will we be done?

- Adopting an equity lens is an ongoing process
- The process requires ongoing collaboration

Feedback for Cascade?

Do you have comments or ideas that Cascade should consider regarding Equity?

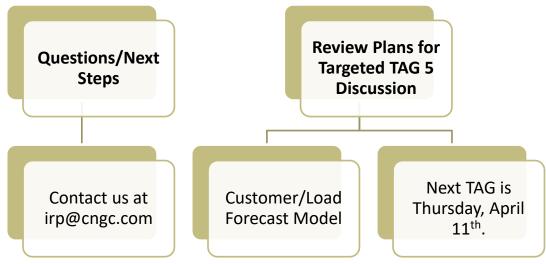
Process Item	Date	Process Element
Targeted-TAG	Thursday, January 25, 2024	What is an IRP and how to get involved
Targeted-TAG	Thursday, February 15, 2024	Avoided Cost
Targeted-TAG	Wednesday, March 6, 2024	Energy Efficiency
Targeted-TAG	Thursday, March 28, 2024	Equity in the IRP
Targeted-TAG	Thursday, April 11, 2024	Customer/Load Forecast
Targeted-TAG	Tuesday, May 7, 2024	CCA/Compliance Modeling
Targeted-TAG	Thursday, May 16, 2024	Distribution System Planning
Targeted-TAG	Thursday, May 30, 2024	Resource Integration
		Process, Key Points, IRP Team, Timeline, Regional Market Outlook, Planned Scenarios and Sensitivities, Stakeholder
		Engagement, Demand and Customer Forecast and Non-Core
		Outlook, Drilling down into segments of demand forecast.
TAG 1	Thursday, June 13, 2024	Upstream Pipeline presentation.
Receive feedback on		
TAG 1	Friday, June 28, 2024	
		Respond to TAG 1 Feedback, Distribution System Planning,
		Alternative Resources, Price Forecast, Avoided Costs,
		Current Supply Resources, Transport Issues, Carbon Impacts
		Energy Efficiency, Bio-Natural Gas, Preliminary Resource
TAG 2	Thursday, July 25, 2024	Integration Results.
Receive feedback on		
TAG 2	Friday, August 9, 2024	
First Draft	Friday, September 6, 2024	
Comments Due	Friday, October 4, 2024	
		Respond to TAG 2 feedback, Final Integration Results,
		finalization of plan components, Proposed new 2- to 4-year
TAG 3	Wednesday, October 30, 2024	Action Plan
Final Draft	Tuesday, December 3, 2024	
Comments Due	Tuesday, January 14, 2025	
TAG 4 (if needed)	Thursday, January 30, 2025	
Final Complete By	Friday, February 14, 2025	
File	Monday, February 24, 2025	

2025 WA IRP Schedule





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