



PACIFICORP BIENNIAL CLEAN ENERGY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN UPDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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Public Comment Hearing: October 10, 2024, 6pm

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) Commissioners want to hear from members of the public about how the Company's proposed Biennial Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) Update will impact them. The UTC is holding a virtual hearing to take public comments on Oct. 10, 2024, at 6 p.m. You can participate via the Zoom link below or by phone.

- Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/UTCPublicHearing>
- Phone: dial (253) 215-8782 and use Meeting ID 876 9985 9487# and Passcode 762251#

Background on the Clean Energy Transformation Act

The Washington Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) requires utilities to provide electricity that is greenhouse gas neutral by 2030 and greenhouse gas emission free by 2045. CETA also requires each utility to file Clean Energy Implementation Plans (CEIPs) every four years showing how it will comply with CETA's 2030 and 2045 requirements. Utilities must also file Biennial CEIP Updates every odd-numbered year that they do not file a CEIP. This hearing is about Pacific Power & Light Company's (PacifiCorp or the Company) first Biennial CEIP Update, filed in 2023.

PacifiCorp's Biennial CEIP Update Filing

On November 1, 2023, PacifiCorp filed its first Biennial CEIP Update with the UTC. PacifiCorp proposed, among other things, to reduce its clean energy targets for 2022–2025, which measure the share of PacifiCorp's energy that comes from clean energy sources in each year.

The Parties:

The UTC considers the recommendations of every party, and no party's recommendation is binding. The following parties are participating in this proceeding:

- PacifiCorp
- UTC Staff*
- Washington Attorney General's Office, Public Counsel Unit
- The Energy Project (low-income customer advocate)
- Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (large industrial customer advocate)
- Renewable Northwest (environmental advocate)
- Northwest Energy Coalition (environmental advocate)
- Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (tribal advocate)

*In formal UTC proceedings, regulatory Staff participates like any other party, and UTC Commissioners make the decision.





Details of the Update

PacifiCorp’s most recent CEIP approved by the UTC set clean energy targets for 2022–2025. Those targets are detailed below. PacifiCorp’s Biennial CEIP Update proposes to reduce those targets by up to 27 percent in a given year. PacifiCorp’s proposed revisions are also detailed below.

Clean Energy Targets	2022	2023	2024	2025	Average
A. CEIP	31%	31%	40%	60%	41%
B. Biennial CEIP Update	31%	26%	25%	33%	29%
Proposed Change (A – B)	0%	5%	15%	27%	12%

If PacifiCorp fails to meet its clean energy targets in any year, it may be subject to financial penalties assessed by the UTC. In this case, the UTC is deciding whether to approve PacifiCorp’s Biennial CEIP Update and its proposed clean energy targets or order the Company to continue operating with the targets set out in its last CEIP.

Has Public Counsel taken a position?

Yes. Public Counsel has provided testimony and analysis arguing that PacifiCorp’s Biennial CEIP Update does not demonstrate progress toward the Company being greenhouse gas neutral by 2030, as required by CETA. Public Counsel recommends the UTC reject PacifiCorp’s Biennial CEIP Update and impose financial penalties on PacifiCorp until it files a new CEIP that demonstrates such progress.

Process for Commission Decision

The UTC may approve, approve with conditions, or reject PacifiCorp’s Biennial CEIP Update.

Submit a Comment

In addition to participating at the public comment hearing, the public can submit comments in the following ways:

- Via UTC web form at: [utc.wa.gov/consumers/](https://www.utc.wa.gov/consumers/) (click on “Submit a Comment” link at the bottom of the web page)
- By e-mail at: comments@utc.wa.gov
- By mail at: **UTC, P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250**
- By phone: **1-888-333-WUTC (9882)**

Please include the following in your written comment: your name, mailing address, the name of the company (PacifiCorp), and Docket Number UE-210829. For more information, see <https://www.utc.wa.gov/>, or call 1-800-562-6150.