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Equity Advisory Group – Equity Lens Session

Equity in Capital Planning

August 2024

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Introductions & Agenda

Topic	Topic Owner
Welcome, introductions overview of the meeting: rules and intent	Amber Lenhart
Partner Shares	Partners
Capital Equity Planning	Annette Brandon
Wrap-up and Adjourn	Dan Blazquez

Guest Introductions

- Name
- Pronouns
- Organization or community



Today's Equity Lens Session August 2024

Avista Equity in Capital Planning



EAG Equity Lens Session Meeting Goals:

1. Evolution of Energy Equity.
2. Ensure Avista's capital planning process is prioritized in accordance with customer impacts in mind.
3. Discuss how equity is considered in Avista's capital planning process.

INCREASING LEVEL OF PUBLIC IMPACT

INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
Public Participation Goal:	Public Participation Goal:	Public Participation Goal:	Public Participation Goal:	Public Participation Goal:
To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problems, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	To place final decision-making in the hands of the public.

Rules for Engagement



- Encouraged to actively participate in discussions
- Each member will be provided time to speak
- Healthy and civil debate is encouraged
- Members should be open to new ideas and concepts
- Respectful of differing opinions
- Collectively, the group should strive to align varying options (e.g., identify shared goals for different perspectives)

Partner Shares

- ❑ Upcoming relevant community events or opportunities
- ❑ Pressing issues facing our community or a need someone might be able to address
- ❑ Challenges your organization is facing (especially around equity)



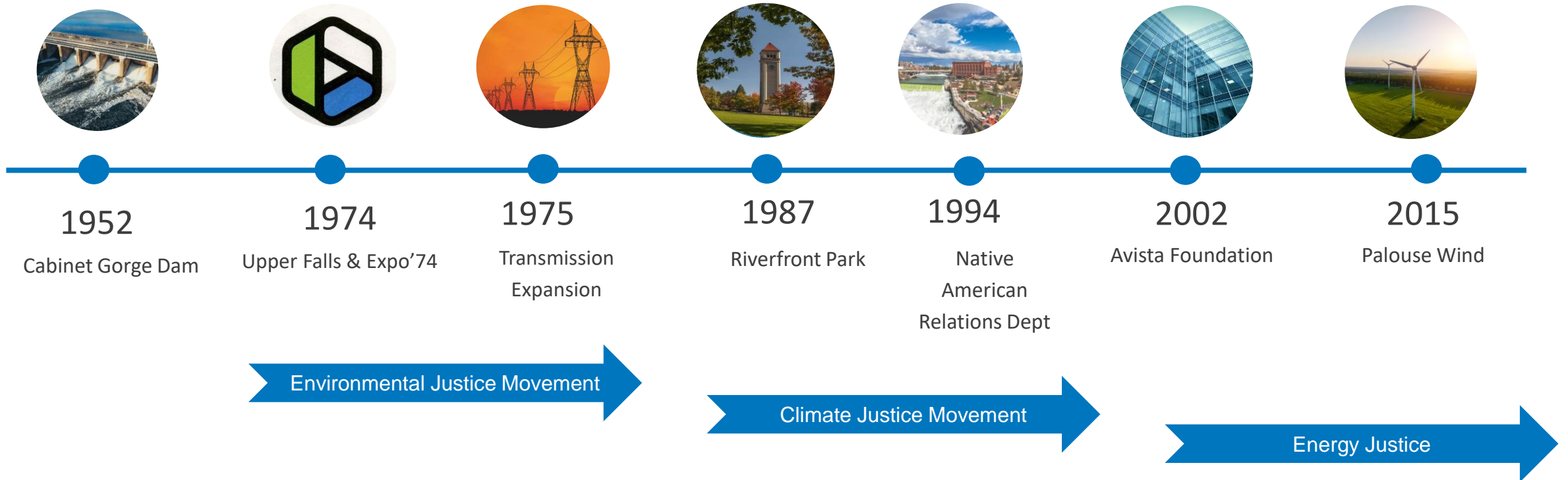


Equitable Investment Planning Capital Investments

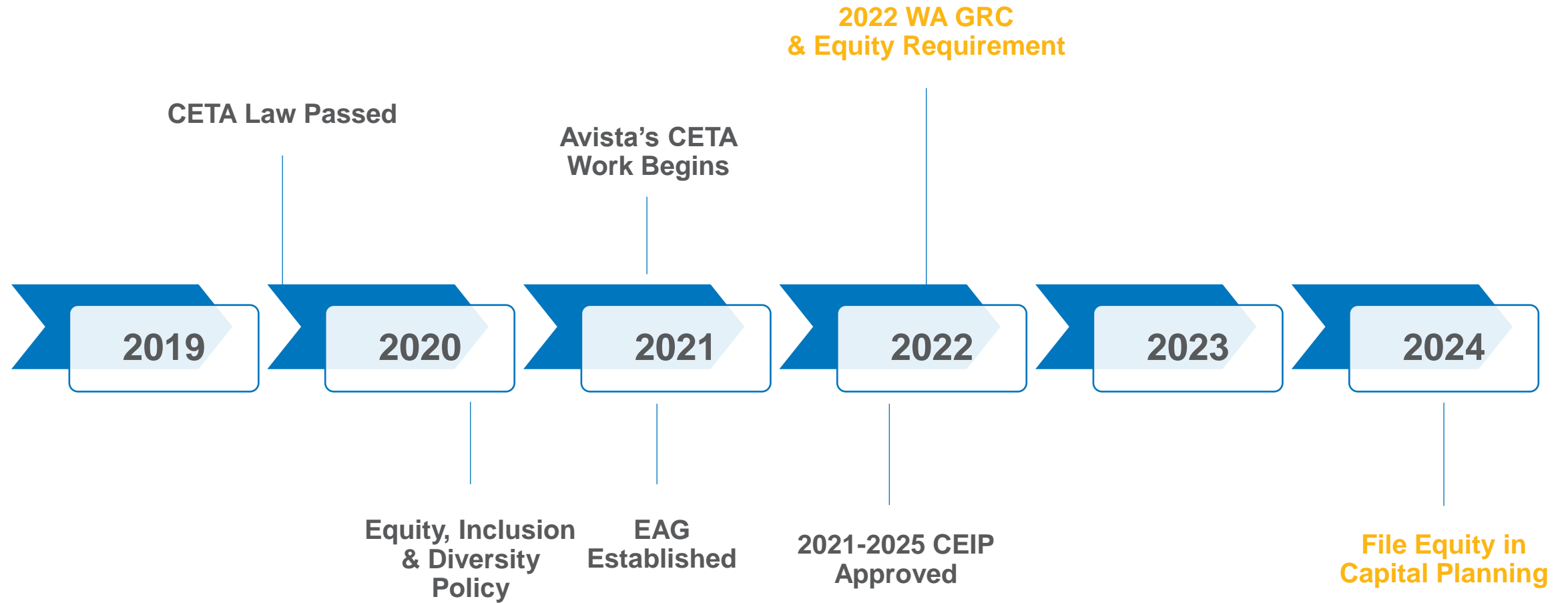
Annette Brandon

Avista & the Progression of Energy Justice

Since our inception over 135 years ago, Avista has been a company founded on renewable energy innovation. Our journey began with hydroelectric operations and has expanded to include wind and solar. We've been planning for responsible and sustainable energy solutions – putting the customer at the center.



Washington State Legislative Timeline



Planning Requirements

“Avista agrees to make a compliance filing... at the end of the 2024, demonstrating how it considers equity in its capital planning process...”

“Avista agrees to work with its **Equity Advisory Group** and interested stakeholders to:

- develop new equity-related measures,
- costs, and benefits to be included in its benefit/cost analysis for future Business Cases,
 - including but not limited to qualitative and non-qualitative measures related to societal impacts, non-energy benefits/burdens, indoor and outdoor air quality, Social Cost of Carbon, and Named Communities.”



Equitable Business Planning Process

Enable vibrant communities by ensuring our customers have fair opportunity and access to the energy they need.

Striving to overcome barriers through use of tools and processes that maximize benefits or minimize burdens.



Equitable Energy System Examples



- No households face extreme/severe burdens
- No disparities in energy burden by race, income, education, disabilities or health conditions, age, family structure, or property ownership
- All households have access to minimum level of energy services at a cost they can afford without sacrificing other needs

Guiding Equity Principles

Data-Informed & Evidence Based

Decisions are informed by evidence and needs, leveraging insights and data wherever possible

Aligned with Corporate Strategy

Ensuring the delivery of safe, responsible, affordable energy for all customers

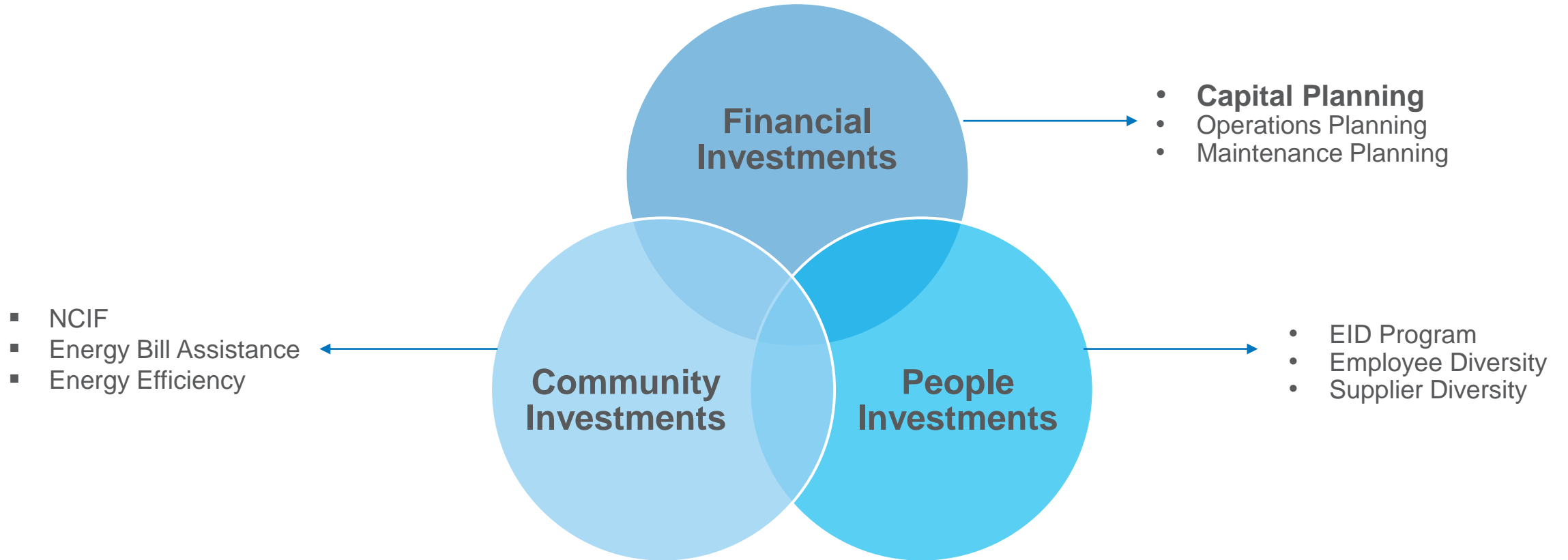
Inclusive & Impartial Decision Making

Using varying methods of communicating and engaging customers through meaningful participation

Outcome Focused; Results Oriented

Overcoming barriers and obstacles to maximize the benefits of energy service or minimize risks across communities' and between generations

Equitable Business Planning



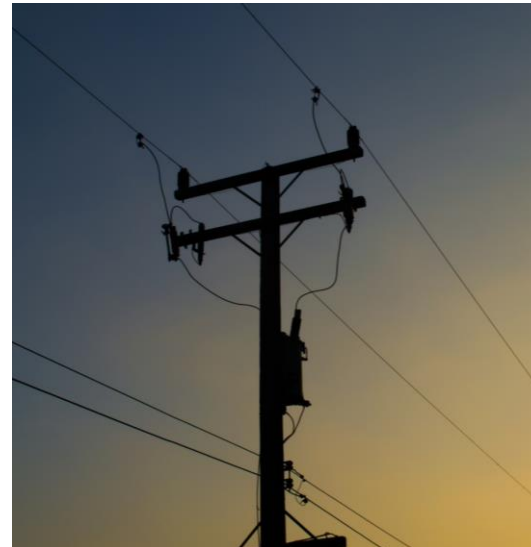
Capital Investments Sample Categories



Technology



Clean Energy



**Wood Pole
Replacement**



Wildfire Mitigation

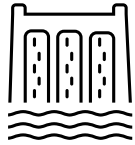
Capital Investments Strategy

Balancing priorities, asset management, operational constraints, etc.

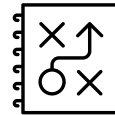
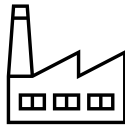
- Considering impact to Named Communities
- Customer Benefit Indicators as part of project impact assessment
- Strategic method to determine engagement level
- Additional data points for evaluation and prioritization
- Consistent tracking and monitoring



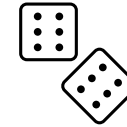
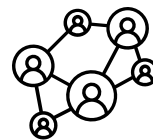
Capital Project Considerations & Equity



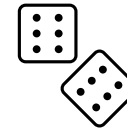
**Identify
Need**



**Solution
Options**



**Risks &
Benefits**



**Cost & Overall
Analysis**



Equity

Diverse
Perspectives

Inclusive

Equity Impact
Assessment

Community
Engagement

Indicators &
Metrics
(Customer Benefit
Indicators)

Financial & Non-
Financial Based

Distributive
Impacts

Overall Project Evaluation

- Supports equity strategies applicable to all customers
- Meets regulatory requirements
- Consistency with energy efficiency, long-term and distribution planning
 - Avoided utility environmental compliance costs
 - Environmental benefits
 - Health benefits
 - Economic benefits



Formalized Community Engagement

- Inclusive, diverse representation
- Standardized evaluation criteria
- Tools and templates for guidance and consistency
- Cross-departmental communication
- Transparency, clarity



Capital Investment Evaluation and Prioritization

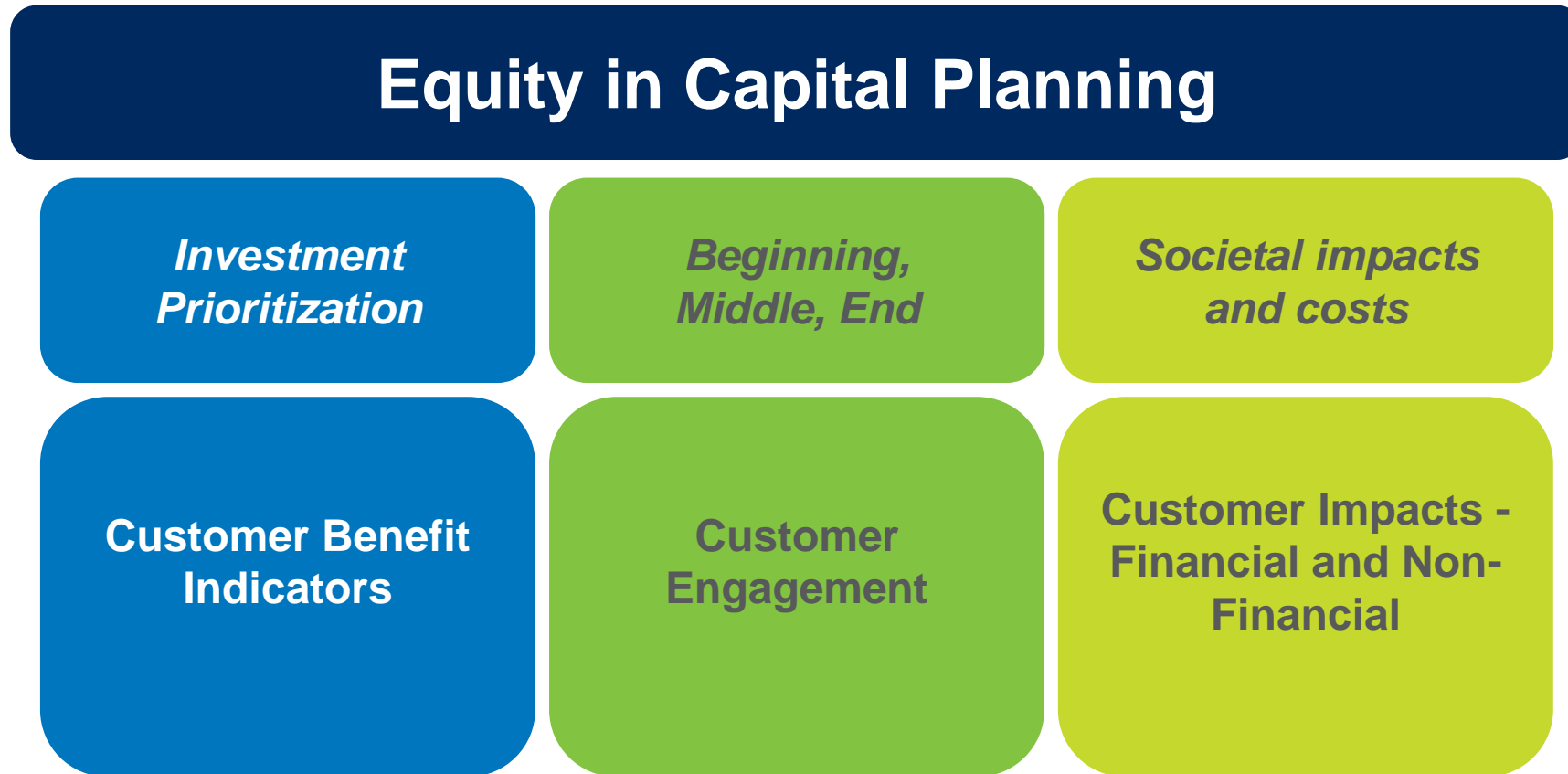
COMPONENTS

- **Financial** : Tracking actual costs and estimated benefits
- **Non-Financial**. Prioritization based on customer priorities to ensure decision are made that reflect what is important to Avista customers.

Intended to be used as a comparative tool to ensure equitable investments



Equity in Capital Planning – Summary



What are we missing?

Proposed Next Steps



Thank you!



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Next EAG Equity Lens Session Meetings

Afternoon: 12pm – 1:30pm

Wednesday, September 18th






Friday, September 20th

Morning: 7:30am to 9:00am

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Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) Resources

<i>Resource Link</i>	<i>Description</i>
Washington's Clean Energy Future	Avista page for CETA related activities 
Clean Energy Transformation Act	Clean Energy Transformation Act - 
Chapter 19.405 RCW 	Laws and Regulations: Revised Code of Washington Investor-owned utilities
Chapter 480-100 WAC 	Laws and Regulations: Washington Administrative Code Investor-owned utilities
WA Energy Strategy 	Washington State Energy Strategy
CETA Overview 	CETA overview and interim assessment