**Session 1**: Wednesday, July 17, 2024, 12:00pm

Session 2: Friday, July19, 2024, 07:30am



## **Equity Advisory Group – Equity Lens Session**

Washington Clean Energy Future Customer Benefit Indicators (CBIs)



## **Introductions & Agenda**

Topic	Topic Owner
Welcome, introductions overview of the meeting: rules and intent	Amber Lenhart
Partner Shares	Partners
CBIs Discussion	Amber Lenhart
Wrap-up and Adjourn	Dan Blazquez



#### **Guest Introductions**

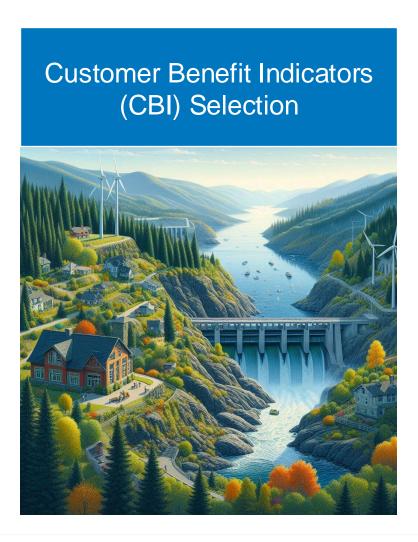
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# Today's Equity Advisory Group (EAG) Meeting Equity Lens Session July 2024



**EAG Equity Lens Session Meeting Goals:** 

1. Finalize CBIs for 2025 CEIP



### **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)







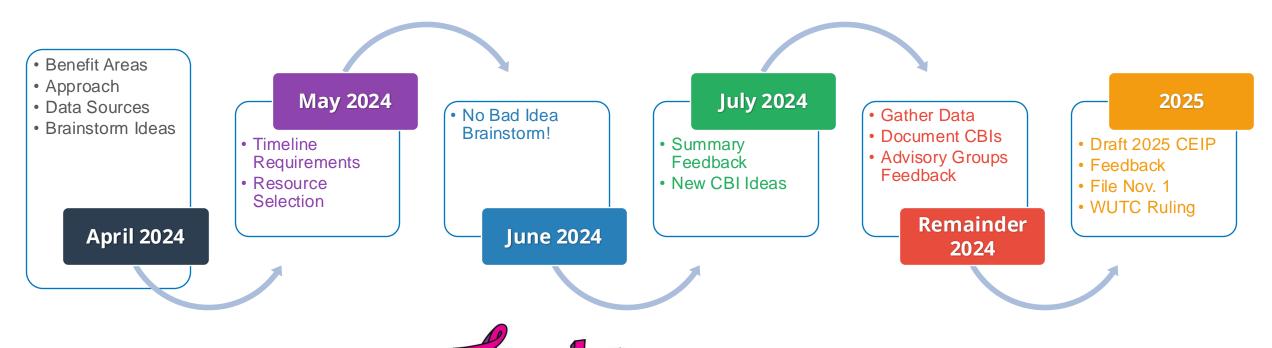
## Customer Benefit Indicators (CBI)

**Amber Lenhart** 



## Where We've Been & Where We're Going

#### **Customer Benefit Indicators**





#### **How Avista Considered EAG Ideas**

## All EAG Ideas! Is it measurable? Covered by the law? Is it applicable? Can Avista directly influence? Is it an action or an indicator? Is it covered by an existing CBI or Metric? Do we have the data, or can we acquire the data? Is there a proxy we could use? Possible CBI for discussion!



## **Idea Summary**

#### **Existing CBI/Metric**

High Energy Burden

Outdoor Air Quality

Outreach & Communication

#### **Additional Review**

Training programs / apprenticeships for infrastructure jobs (utility jobs)

How people receive information that motivates action

#### **Not Applicable**

Receive incentives for participating in educational opportunities

Solar farms could displace trees

Rates of asthma or diseases

Community can define clean energy

#### **New CBI / Modification**

Third space energy efficiency

Job creation from clean energy

Modes & Methods of Communication & Outreach



#### **Additional Review**

Question	EAG Idea
What are some ways clean energy could benefit people, especially people in Named Communities?	Training programs for infrastructure jobs, job opportunities

Question	EAG Idea
Thinking about the ways clean energy can benefit or unintentionally harm communities, what things could Avista measure or observe?	How people receive information that motivates them to action



#### **New CBIs for Discussion**

Question	EAG Idea
What are some ways that people might be	Access to "third spaces" with clean energy
affected by clean energy?	(cleaner air, energy efficiency)

- Third space locations outside the workspace or home that assist people to engage in social interactions
- Can't affect "access" but can affect energy efficiency
- Track the number of energy improvements provided by NCIF or Energy Efficiency team for non-profits, CBOs, tribal entities, etc.



#### **New CBIs for Discussion**

Question	EAG Idea
What are some ways that people might be affected by clean energy?	A negative effect would be families that have a job in with coal
	Potential jobs in clean energy infrastructure
	Green jobs often pay higher

- Software to track clean energy investments to jobs is \$30k-\$120k annually
- Influence "clean" jobs vs. "utility" jobs
- Is there an appropriate proxy?



## **Modify Existing CBI**

Question	EAG Idea
What are some ways that people might be affected by clean energy?	School children can learn about clean energy and its benefits – presentations for future generations
	Increased education in the community about clean energy

- Existing: Methods/Modes of Outreach and Communication | Number of Outreach Contacts
- Track school / educational visits in the metric



#### **Customer Benefit Indicators**







Energy Security & Resilience



Access to Clean Energy



**Environmental** 



**Community Development** 



**Public Health** 

Participation in Company Programs

Households with High Energy Burden

Residential Arrears & Disconnects

**Energy Availability** 

Energy Generation Location

Methods/Modes of Outreach & Communication

Transportation Electrification Outdoor Air Quality

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Named Community
Clean Energy

Investments in Named Communities

**Employee Diversity** 

**Supplier Diversity** 

Indoor Air Quality



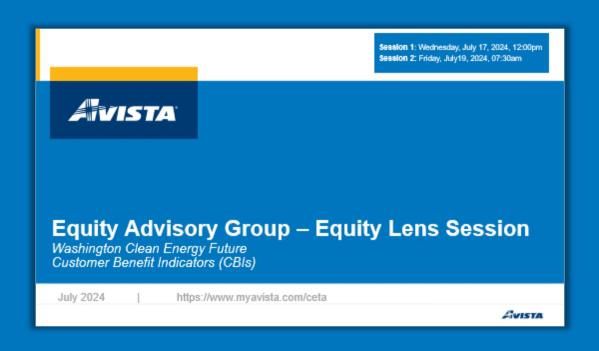
#### **Avista CBI Modifications**

Benefit Area	Existing CBI	Metric
Environmental	mental Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Regional Greenhouse Gas Emissions
	Avista Greenhouse Gas Emissions	

- Remove "Regional GHG Emissions" metric from this CBI
  - Avista has no direct control over the region
  - Not enough data to support



## Thank you!



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### **Next EAG Equity Lens Session Meetings**

Afternoon: 12pm – 1:30pm

Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Morning: 7:30am to 9:00am

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## **Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) Resources**

Resource Link	Description
Washington's Clean Energy Future	Avista page for CETA related activities
Clean Energy Transformation Act	Clean Energy Transformation Act - Washington State Department of Commerce
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 St. Department	Washington State Energy Strategy
CETA Overview  Washington St. Department	CETA overview and interim assessment

