



Equity Advisory Group – Equity Lens Session

Meeting Date:	December 20, 2024
Time:	07:30am PST
Location:	Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

<i>Facilitator</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>EAG Member</i>	<i>Member Organizations</i>
Amber Lenhart	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clyde Abrahamson	Spokane Indian Housing Authority
<i>Avista Team Member</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Margee Chambers	Spokane Clean Air
Tamara Bradley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Connie Kliever	NEWESD101
Dan Blazquez	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clair Trapp	Rural Resources
Amanda Ghering	<input type="checkbox"/>	David Tietz	Salem Arms Community Housing
Annette Brandon	<input type="checkbox"/>	KJ January	Spectrum
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	William von Bracht	Othello, school English as 2nd language
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Michele Bennington	Community member at large
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brook Beeler	Department of Ecology Eastern Region
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jupiter McGee	Sunrise Spokane Affiliation (youth led) (Facebook)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vanessa Strong	Spokane Public Library
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tami Dillion	Skills'kin
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alexsander Swenson	Youth - Girl Scout
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cindy Kimmet	Takesa Village
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carmen Groom	SNAP
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rowena Pineda	Reimagine Spokane & Asian Pacific Islander Coalition
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jean Kindem	Aging & Long-Term Care of Eastern Washington
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Boone	Red Cross
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lynn Suksdorf	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Andrew Gardner	<i>Spokane Public Schools</i>
		<i>Guests</i>	

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EAG Equity Lens Session Meeting Notes

I. Welcome & Introductions

Overview of Meeting: Rules and Intent

II. Partner Share

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)



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III. 2024 CETA Survey Results Summary



2024 CETA Survey Results Summary

Kelly Dengel | Energy Resources Project Manager
Amanda Ghering | Regulatory Affairs Analyst

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2022 CEIP Survey Background

Who: 151,923 Washington electric customers
What: 23 energy questions | 11 optional demographic questions
When: July 19 – August 3, 2021
How: Online survey, English
Promotion: Email
Completed Surveys: 2,801 or 1.7%



Demographic Responder Profile: White, male, 66+, homeowner, heterosexual, English, college degree

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2024 CETA Survey Overview

Who: 156,000 Washington electric customers
What: 7 energy questions | 13 optional demographic questions
When: April 11 – June 30, 2024
How:
Online survey, English | Spanish
Paper survey, Russian | Spanish | Ukrainian | Arabic
Promotion: Email | Events | CBOs | Avista lobby | CETA newsletter | CETA public meetings
Completed Surveys: 1,950 or 1.2%
Online: 1,869 (1 Spanish)
Paper: 34 (1 Spanish)



Demographic Responder Profile: White, male, 66+, homeowner, heterosexual, English, college degree

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Results

Q1: Rank what's most important regarding energy usage:

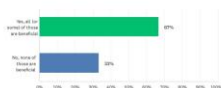
Customer Response	Avista Actions
1. Affordable energy	- Select lowest reasonable cost generation resources - \$40M to low-income financial assistance annually - Energy efficiency programs
2. Reliable energy	- Maintain generation reserve % - Deploy wildfire readiness plan - Vegetation management for transmission & distribution
3. Clean energy	- Hydro generation - Wind generation - Retire coal generation

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Results

Q2: Do you think the **benefits are important** in the transition to cleaner energy: bringing innovation & technology, vehicle charging stations, roof top solar, clean energy jobs, decrease fossil fuel dependency, improve air quality and reduce climate change impacts



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Results

Q3: Rank the **benefits** that are most important in the transition to cleaner energy

Customer Response

1. Reduce climate impacts
2. Decrease dependency on fossil fuels
3. Improve air quality
4. Create clean energy jobs
5. Bring innovation & technology

Avista Actions

- Deploy renewable generation sources
- Retire coal generation & replace with renewable energy
- Reduce generation greenhouse gas emissions
- Offer hydro generation operator jobs
- Monogrid, solar/battery projects & EV charging

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Results

Q4: Do you think the items below could be **potential burdens** in the transition to cleaner energy: increase bill costs, fossil fuel industry job loss, reliability of renewable resources, environmental impacts from source clean energy materials



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Results

Q5: Rank the **burdens** that are most concerning in the transition to cleaner energy

Customer Response

1. Increased bill costs
2. Reliability of renewable resources
3. Environmental impacts from sourcing clean energy materials
4. Fossil fuel industry job loss

Avista Actions

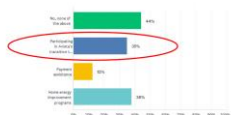
- Select lowest reasonable cost generation resources
- \$4000 in low-income financial assistance annually
- Energy efficiency programs
- Maintain generation reserve %
- Regional resource adequacy program
- Deploy emerging technology as available
- Prioritize actions with least environmental impact
- Compensation scale on-par with fossil fuel industry
- Monitor & target fossil fuel job loss areas for recruiting

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Q6: Are you interested in any of the following?

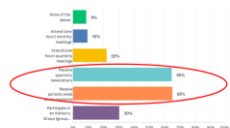


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Q7: How do you want to participate in Avista's transition to cleaner energy?



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Wrap Up

- Q1 – Q2: Contact details and demographic questions
- High-level results shared in the Q3 2024 CETA-newsletter
- Include survey results in the 2025 public participation plan
- Conduct biennial surveys – next one Q1-Q2 2026
- Report results & trends over 4-year CEIP period

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IV. 2026-2029 CBI Update



2026-2029 Customer Benefit Indicators (CBI) Update

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CBIs & Metrics

6 Equity Areas | 14 CBIs | 78 Metrics



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2026-2029 CBIs & Metrics Timeline



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Metric Modifications for the 2026-2029 CEIP

Benefit Area	Existing CBI	Metric
Environmental	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Regional greenhouse gas emissions
	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Avista greenhouse gas emissions
	Outdoor Air Quality	Weighted average days exceeding healthy levels
		Avista plant air emissions
		Decrease cost of wood heat for home heating

- Remove "Regional GHG emissions" metric:
 - Avista has no control over the region
 - Not enough data to support
- Remove "Weighted average days exceeding healthy levels" metric:
 - WA Department of Ecology air quality map for the state

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2026-2029 CEIP: Considering Metric Alignment

Performance Based Rate Metric (PBR)	Customer Benefit Indicator Metric (CBI)
2022 Washington General Rate Case	2022 Clean Energy Implementation Plan
58 metrics reported quarterly & annually	78 metrics reported annually
Gas & electric customers	Electric customers



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V. Equity Capital Planning Update

Equity Capital Planning Update

Annette Brandon | Avista Resource Marketing Manager

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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 nonqualitative measures related to external impacts, community benefits, burdens, indoor and outdoor air quality, Social Cost of Carbon, and Named Communities."



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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



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Capital Project Considerations & Equity



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Capital Investment Evaluation and Prioritization

How Energy Equity Components are considered and incorporated:

- 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



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Capital Investment Equity Analysis Examples

Moving beyond direct energy-related costs and benefits



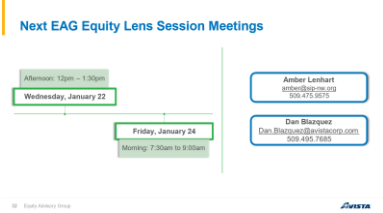
This table is intended to be used as a tool to help in the process of equity analysis. The table is not intended to be used as a tool to make equity-related decisions. The table is intended to be used as a tool to help in the process of equity analysis.

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VI. Your Support Team and Next Meeting



VII. Wrap Up

Thank you!

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Special Note:
Please watch for the 2025 EAG Scheduling Survey that will be emailed with the December 2024 EAG Meeting Recap.

VIII. Additional 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 State Energy Strategy
CETA Overview	CETA overview and interim assessment