



Agenda for Public Workshop

May 20, 2021

Docket No. UM 2165 – Transportation Electrification Investment Framework

Agenda for First Public Workshop

Staff would like to invite stakeholders to attend the first in a series of public workshops on **Wednesday, May 26, 2021 from 2:00 – 3:30 pm PT** to inform development of a Transportation Electrification (TE) “investment framework.”

Date: May 26, 2021

Time: 2:00 – 3:30 pm Pacific Time

Access: 1. Join the [Zoom videoconference](#) Pre-registration is not required. OR

2. Join by phone:

Call (971) 247-1195

Enter Meeting ID: 869 3624 5517

Enter Passcode: 0680978530

One tap mobile +19712471195,,86936245517#,,,,*0680978530#

Purpose of Workshop

In Order No. 21-026, the Commission directed Staff to develop an updated TE investment framework that meets the goals set forth in Executive Order 20-04. Developed through a robust stakeholder process, the investment framework will be a decision-making tool that Staff hopes will help increase TE investments in a way that better balances the needs of the public and ratepayers more broadly.

In the first workshop, Staff will review existing regulatory tools for TE investments, and then participate in breakout discussions with stakeholders to discuss gaps and opportunities in the existing regulatory tools. Staff encourages participants to actively contribute through an inclusive, interactive format. The workshop will be facilitated by Regulatory Assistance Project.

Questions for Stakeholders to Consider at the Workshop

Staff asks stakeholders to consider these questions and be prepared to discuss them with others during the workshop.

1. What are the most important policy or regulatory barriers for this workshop process to address?
2. How do we ensure this workshop process is inclusive of impacted communities as described in EO 20-04? These communities include Native American tribes, communities of color, rural communities, coastal communities, lower-income households, and other

communities traditionally underrepresented in public processes and underserved in transportation electrification.

3. What do you see as the most important policy or regulatory challenges for the PUC to address in the TE decision-making framework? Some examples are below:
 - Managing load/rate design and direct load control. This includes tariffs that better link EV charging to decarbonization; and charging across sectors, sub-markets and related challenges
 - Consumer perspectives and the importance of good programs
 - Diversity, equity and inclusion in TE, addressing energy burden and rural access
 - In-front and behind-the-meter investments, scale and location of investments, matching rates to investments, encouraging third-party investments
 - Licensing of EV charging providers and electric vehicle service equipment (EVSE)
 - Other policies or challenges
4. What key gaps or opportunities do you see in the current regulatory “tools”? Which customer groups are impacted by these specific issues or policies?
5. How do you think the Commission should best ensure access and equitable allocation of costs and benefits of transportation electrification to all Oregonians?

Workshop Agenda

Section	Time
Opening Remarks – Megan Decker, Chair, OPUC	2:00 - 2:05 pm
Introduction and Operating Agreements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Sarah Hall, Resource & Programs Development Manager, OPUC – Ezell Watson, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, OPUC 	2:05 - 2:15
Current TE Investment Tools - Statutes, Rules and Commission Decisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Eric Shierman, Sr. Utility Analyst, OPUC – Jill Goatcher, Assistant Attorney General, DOJ 	2:15 - 2:30
Breakout Discussions	2:30 – 3:10
Sharing with Full Group Discussion	3:10 – 3:25
Closing Comments, Sarah Hall	3:25 – 3:30 pm

Invitation to Submit Written Comments

All stakeholders, including those not able to attend, are invited to submit written comments. All parties are invited to submit written comments on the topics of Workshop #1 by **June 9, 2021**. Contact information is listed after the workshop Agenda.

Background

Executive Order 20-04 directed the Oregon Public Utility Commission to “encourage electric companies to support transportation electrification infrastructure that supports GHG reductions, helps achieve the transportation electrification goals set forth in Senate Bill 1044, and is reasonably expected to result in long-term benefit to customers.”

Staff responded with a work plan to conduct research and suggest policies that establish the foundations of a new framework to guide future utility TE investments. The process will result in a draft TE investment framework by December 2021, developed through a collaborative process. The resulting product will have a broad scope designed to improve the PUC’s TE planning guidelines and program requirements, streamline utility processes, and clarify cost-recovery criteria. The draft framework will synchronize with TE Plan filings.

Staff Contacts

If you would like to join the service list for UM 2165, or have questions or comments please contact Eric Shierman, Eric.Shierman@puc.oregon.gov (971) 239-3916, or Sarah Hall, Sarah.L.Hall@puc.oregon.gov (971) 273-9512.