

NASEO Western Regional Meeting
Oregon Department of Energy Update
June 26, 2020

1. Is your office developing or expanding energy-related job creation/economic development initiatives in response to the economic impact of COVID-19? And, are you targeting any hard-hit economic sectors such as travel, tourism, or restaurants? Please describe.

- ODOE will be seeking additional funding for the existing Solar + Storage rebate program, which will help with job creation and retention in the rooftop solar industry.
- We are drafting our second Biennial Energy Report (BER 2.0) which may include a section about COVID-19 impact on energy.
- We are tracking internal changes made to policy and procedures because of COVID-19.

2. How is your office engaging on the recent FERC petition filed by the New England Ratepayers Association (NERA)?

- ODOE participated in the NASEO conference call on 5/8/20 to discuss the recent FERC petition filed by the New England Ratepayers Association. ODOE shares many of the same concerns voiced by NASEO and other state energy offices that participated in the call. To date ODOE has not yet submitted formal comments or letters to FERC.

3. Is your office engaged in any energy security/resilience activities with your state emergency management agency in light of the pending BRIC funding? And, are you engaged in any wildfire/utility discussions? Please describe.

- **BRIC:** ODOE and the PUC share the lead responsibilities over energy emergency preparedness. ODOE is the designated lead state agency for planning, preparedness, response, and recovery to fuel, propane, and LNG emergencies impacting Oregon. The PUC has the lead over electricity and natural gas.
- ODOE participated in the Oregon Resilience and Mitigation Activities Council (OR-RMAC) Webinar hosted by Oregon Emergency Management (OEM) on June 10 with information provided by FEMA. We are monitoring the process and will work with OEM on Oregon's application.
- **Wildfire:** Governor Brown created a Governor's Council on Wildfire Response directing the Council to review Oregon's current model for wildfire prevention, preparedness and response, analyzing whether or not the current model is sustainable given our increasing wildfire risks, and develop recommendations for improvements. The report can be found at: <https://www.oregon.gov/gov/policy/Pages/wildfirecouncil.aspx>
- ODOE is developing a Wildfire policy brief for the Biennial Energy Report.
- In Executive Order 20-04 (March 2020) Governor Brown directed the PUC to evaluate electric companies' (IOUs, consumer-owned utilities, and BPA) wildfire protection plans and activities to protect safety, reduce risks, and promote system resilience; and convene workshops to assist electric companies, customer-owned utilities, and operators of electrical distribution systems to develop and share emerging best practices for mitigating wildfire risk. ODOE is working with the PUC on this issue.

4. What new energy legislation, executive orders, or regulations have been implemented in your state this year, and what implementation challenges are you facing?

- On March 10, 2020, Governor Brown issued [Executive Order 20-04](#) – Directing State Agencies to Take Actions to Reduce and Regulate Greenhouse Gas Emissions. The EO:
 - Establishes new GHG Emission Reduction Goals of 45% below 1990 levels by 2035 and by 80% by 2050.
 - Directs 15 state agencies to exercise any and all authority and discretion vested in them by law to help facilitate meeting Oregon's GHG reduction goals. It directs agencies to prioritize and expedite processes and procedures that could accelerate GHG reductions and to integrate climate change and GHG reduction goals into planning, budgets, investments and policy making.
 - Creates a Sector-Specific Cap & Reduce program. Creates sector-specific caps on emissions to be developed and enforced by Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for transportation fuels, natural gas, and large industrial polluters.
 - Direct DEQ to double the Clean Fuel Program standard to 20% by 2030 and 25% by 2035.
 - Directs ODOT to develop tool to evaluate GHG impacts for transportation projects and apply the results in their planning process.
- The EO specifically directs ODOE to:
 - Develop appliance standards at least equivalent to other west coast jurisdictions for 10 products (ODOE added an 11th).
 - Work with Building Codes Division to improve residential and commercial building efficiency (60% below 2006 baseline by 2030).
 - Work collaboratively with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), DEQ, and Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to develop an implementation plan for the Statewide Transportation Strategy (STS) to reduce GHG emissions from the transportation sector.
 - To collaborate with ODOT to conduct a statewide transportation electrification infrastructure needs analysis to facilitate the goals set forth in SB 1044 (2019), and continue to collaborate on the Zero Emission Vehicle Interagency Working Group (ZEWIWG) to identify barriers and opportunities to ZEV adoption.
 - In its role as staff to the Oregon Global Warming Commission, work with the Commission to develop a proposal for state goals for carbon sequestration and storage from Oregon's natural and working lands (including forests, wetlands, and agricultural lands).
- ODOE's Implementation Plan can be found at: <https://www.oregon.gov/gov/Documents/2020%20ODOE%20EO%2020-04%20Implementation%20Report.pdf>