

Transmission Corridors Work Group Meeting #4 Agenda

Wednesday, Feb 9, 2022: 9:00am – 12:00pm
Thursday, Feb 10, 2022: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Meeting information:

Working Group members: Zoom logistics can be found in your Outlook calendar invitation

Meeting Objectives:

- Enhance the TCWG’s understanding of the challenges and opportunities related to permitting new electric transmission corridors and equipment, and the roles played by Federal, Tribal, State, and Local agencies in the permitting of new electric transmission corridors and equipment.
- In pursuit of the above objective, on Day 1, hear case studies about Boardman to Hemingway and Cascade Crossing projects, and discuss state agencies’ roles in transmission permitting. On Day 2, hear perspectives on transmission line permitting from utilities such as BPA, PSE, and PacifiCorp.
- Begin to discuss and vet TCWG recommendations on ways to expedite review and permitting of new electric transmission corridors and equipment, without compromising required and equitable protection of environmental¹, cultural, and other resources (Day 2).

Day 1 – Wednesday, February 9, 2022		
Time	Topic	Materials
9:00 AM	Opening: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and agenda overview – Susan Hayman, Facilitator • Opening remarks – Kathleen Drew and Joe Wood, Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council 	Agenda
9:10 AM	Round-Robin Check-in with TCWG Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TCWG member comments/observations about the process to date, including any feedback on the updated Emergent Principles document (revised from Meeting #3 discussion) 	Emergent Principles Doc
9:30 AM	Overview: Transmission Line Permitting Context	Joe Wood, EFSEC
9:45 AM	Federal-level transmission line permitting: Boardman to Hemingway Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: Sara Esterson, Oregon EFSC. High-level view of permitting pathway for B2H. Q & A	Presentation / Discussion, Q & A
10:10 AM	Break	
10:20 AM	State-level transmission line permitting – Round robin & discussion: What role would you and your agency or Tribe play in permitting transmission projects? What do you see as the biggest challenges/opportunities for your agency or Tribe in expediting review and permitting of transmission projects?	Discussion, Mural

¹ “Environmental” review, as specified by SEPA and NEPA includes review of cultural, archaeological, avian, socioeconomic, and many other project aspects.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EFSEC – Patty Betts • OR EFSC – Sara Esterson • Ecology – Brendon McFarland (TCWG member) • Snoqualmie Indian Tribe - Steven Moses (TCWG member) • Yakama Nation – Dana Miller (TCWG member) • DAHP – Allyson Brooks (TCWG member) • DNR – Scott Nelson • DFW – Ben Blank (TCWG member) <p>Mural exercise: What are your observations or key takeaways from hearing these perspectives/discussions? What recommendations relative to expediting review of transmission projects without compromising required environmental protection would you like to see the TCWG put forward?</p>	
11:00 AM	Break	
11:10 AM	<p>Long Distance, High-Voltage Siting Case Study 2: Cascade Crossing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: Tim McMahan, Stoel Reeves • Q&A / Discussion with Douglas Young, USFS <p>Mural exercise: Given what you’ve learned about this process, what recommendations relative to expediting review of transmission projects without compromising required environmental protection would you like to see the TCWG put forward?</p>	Presentation, Mural
11:55 AM	<p>Day 1 Wrap up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look ahead to Day 2 – Susan Hayman, Facilitator • Closing remarks – Kathleen Drew and Joe Wood, Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council 	Agenda
12:00 PM	Adjourn	

Day 2 – Thursday, February 10, 2022		
Time	Topic	Materials
9:00 AM	<p>Opening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome, recap of Day 1, overview of Day 2 – Rob Willis, Facilitator • Observations from Day 1 – Kathleen Drew, Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council 	Agenda
9:05 AM	<p>Permit Applicant Perspectives on NEPA, SEPA, and Local Permitting Environmental Review – Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSE – Lorna Lubbe (TCWG member) • PacifiCorp – Brian Fritz • Idaho Power- TBD <p>Mural exercise: What are your observations or key takeaways from hearing these perspectives/discussions? What recommendations relative to expediting review of transmission projects without compromising required environmental protection would you like to see the TCWG put forward?</p>	Mural
10:00 AM	Break	
10:20 AM	<p>Emergent Principles for Expediting Environmental Review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk through a draft list of emerging principles created from TCWG Mural reflections (in response to Day 1 and Day 2 panels) • Facilitated group discussion to vet, revise, annotate and/or confirm emerging principles 	Emergent Principles Document
11:50 AM	Public Comment Opportunity (up to 2 minutes per person)	---
12:00 PM	Looking Forward and Wrap Up – Rob Willis and Kathleen Drew	

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To keep current on TCWG progress, visit the EFSEC project website at:
<https://www.efsec.wa.gov/energy-facilities/transmission-corridors-work-group>

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