

RTF PAC Meeting Minutes October 15, 2024 3:00-3:30

Meeting Participants via Zoom Webinar

Debbie DePetris, Clark PUD (Co-Chair)
Ginny Burdick, Oregon Council (Co-Chair)
Jennifer Light, RTF Chair/NWPCC
Laura Thomas, RTF Manager
Juan Serpa Munoz, EWEB
Mark Jerome, CLEAResult
Clay Monroe, PacifiCorp
Dave Moody, BPA

Spencer Moersfelder, Energy Trust of Oregon Suzanne Frew, Snohomish PUD Elizabeth Osborne, WA Dept of Commerce Jennifer Finnigan, Seattle City Light Quentin Nesbitt, Idaho Power Jeff Harris, NEEA

Key Outcomes:

At the special October meeting of the RTF Policy Advisory Committee Meeting members discussed:

- 2020-2024 unspent funds and roll over questions. Staff recommended not rolling unspent funds over, due to Bonneville's funding mechanisms. The RTF PAC agreed to receive the credit as a one-time reduction on the 2026 invoice.
- How pre-2012 funds will be applied to the 2025-2029 cycle. The RTF PAC continued to agree on how to deal with funding uncertainties and keeping the 2025 budget whole.

Discussion

Debbie DePetris, RTF PAC co-chair, welcomed attendees at 3:00pm and asked Laura Thomas, RTF Manager to take attendance. Thomas explained that today's short meeting serves as an extension of September's work, following up on key items to finalize the RTF 2025 workplan and the 2025-2029 funding.

2025-2029 RTF Funding Update Discussion Laura Thomas, RTF Manager

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Dave Moody, BPA, noted the complexity of Bonneville's funding mechanism, and offered help explore other pathways. He added that there may not be other pathways available.

DePetris asked if BPA would still get a credit at the end of the year, as they would be completely caught up by December. Jennifer Light, RTF Chair, explained that they are doing their best to time the stoppage of collection to get as close to the true-up as possible, but are erring on the side of collecting enough to meet the budget and not be under. She said there is no way to be perfect.

Spencer Moersfelder, Energy Trust of Oregon, said his organization is in the process of completing their Q3 forecast and wondered how much each organization might expect to get back. Thomas offered to provide the low end of the range today, saying it depends on how the PAC decides to credit the surplus.

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DePetris said that, for simplicity, Clark PUD would prefer the single credit that appears on the 2026 invoice. She added that she can work with either. Light said Council preference would also be the one-time credit.

Clay Monroe, PacifiCorp, said he is fine with either.

Jennifer Finnigan, Seattle City Light, also agreed, as did, Juan Serpa Munoz, EWEB, and another voice in the room.

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Moersfelder requested documentation about funding the business plan for easy circulation through his organization. Thomas agreed.

DePetris called for final comments. Ginny Burdick, Oregon Council (Co-Chair), voiced anticipation about seeing the RTF PAC members in person at the December meeting. DePetris closed the meeting at 3:30.