



Regional Technical Forum

RTF PAC Q3 Meeting Minutes September 18, 2025 1:00pm-1:45pm

Meeting Participants via Zoom Webinar

Debbie DePetrus, Clark County PUD (Co-chair)
Laura Thomas, RTF Manager
Suzanne Frew, Snohomish PUD
Juan Serpa Muñoz, EWEB
Alan Zelenka, ODOE
Quentin Nesbitt, Idaho Power
Jennifer Langdon, Cowlitz PUD
Mary Moerlins, NW Natural
Jennifer Finnigan, Seattle City Light

Jason Talford, Idaho PUC
Elizabeth Osborne, NWPCC
Reuben Arts, Avista Corp
Andi Nix, Energy Trust of Oregon
Rachel Clark, Tacoma Power
Leann Bleakney, NWPCC
Kevin Smit, NWPCC
Jennifer Light, RTF Chair

Key Outcomes:

At the Q3 RTF Policy Advisory Committee meeting, members discussed the following:

Discussion:

RTF PAC Co-chair Debbie DePetrus welcomed attendees. Laura Thomas, RTF Manager, took roll call. She counted 12 members in attendance and reviewed the agenda.

Management Update

Laura Thomas, RTF Manager

Slide 6

Jennifer Finnigan, Seattle City Light, asked if there are likely evaluation hosts/funders for smart thermostats. Thomas was not sure but reported receiving some interest from the region. Thomas said she planned subcommittee meetings to learn more, and this was just to keep the PAC informed.

Finnigan confirmed that this has a one-year sunset date. Thomas confirmed.

DePetrus asked if any organization or entity at the recent RTF meeting voiced interest in conducting research. Thomas said she heard nothing at the meeting, but an interested organization reached out beforehand, calling the measure important.

Draft 2026 RTF Work Plan
Laura Thomas, RTF Manager

Slide 13

Finnigan asked how the Contract Analyst Team (CAT) plans to incorporate AI into their work. Thomas said they discuss and test AI products often but have not had an official discussion about the tool. Thomas added that the CAT are thinking about focusing on areas, like sorting through large data sets, where AI tools could be helpful. She plans to have more official discussions in the future.

MOTION

I, Alan Zelenka, moved to approve the proposed 2026 work and business plan.
Rachel Clark, Tacoma Power seconded.

The work and business plan were approved unanimously via verbal vote.

DePetrìs ended the meeting at 1:45.