



Regional Technical Forum

RTF PAC Q3 Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2025

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Meeting Participants via Zoom Webinar

Debbie DePetrus, Clark County PUD (Co-Chair)
Margaret Hoffmann, NWPCC (Co-Chair)
Suzanne Frew, Snohomish PUD
Jennifer Light, RTF Chair
Laura Thomas, RTF Manager
Juan Serpa Munoz, EWEB
Spencer Moersfelder, Energy Trust of Oregon
Alan Zelenka, ODOE
Jennifer Langdon, Cowlitz PUD
Quentin Nesbitt, Idaho Power
Jim White, Chelan PUD

Kevin Smit, NWPCC
Christian Douglass, NWPCC
Elizabeth Osborne, NWPCC
Reuben Arts, Avista Corp
Jeff Harris, NEEA
Caleb Reimer, CNGC
Jamae Hilliard Creecy, BPA
Andrew Paul, Avista Corp
Ryan Bottem, Public Gen Pool
Ronald Ramey, Energy Solution

Key Outcomes:

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

Discussion:

RTF PAC Co-Chair Debbie DePetrus welcomed attendees. She introduced new RTF PAC Co-Chair, Margaret Hoffmann. DePetrus thanked Ginny Burdick, Oregon Council, for her work as Co-Chair wishing her well.

Hoffmann greeted the room and spoke of her past work in energy policy, implementation, and water.

DePetrus then introduced new members Reuben Arts, Avista Corp, and Caleb Reimer, CNGC. Laura Thomas, RTF Manager, called for attendance and reviewed the agenda.

Final 2020-2024 RTF Funding Overview

Laura Thomas, RTF Manager

There was no discussion

Management Update

Laura Thomas, RTF Manager

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Jeff Harris, NEEA, stated that connected thermostats work well for DR/Flex programs as well as for efficiency. He wondered if the RTF planned on collecting DR benefits as well as those for EE. Thomas said some of the collected data will inform DR efforts, but the focus is on the measure's research objectives.

Harris noted that NEEA has connected thermostat demonstration project information on luminaire level lighting controls networks. He offered to share that information.

Hoffmann suggested creating a Request for Information (RFI) before putting out the Request for Proposals (RFP). Hoffmann said this could help with the RFP's structure while revealing possible innovations ahead of issuing the actual RFP. Hoffmann thought this would create a stronger RFP. Thomas thought that might be a good solution.

Hoffman then mentioned creating a performance-based contract that includes metrics, timeframe, and budget saying that approach can also garner interesting information without being overly prescriptive.

Harris wrote, Recommend that the scope include connected thermostats as part of a DR/Load-flex program. There are some large commercial customers that have programs with this technology, in the chat.

Draft 2026 RTF Workplan

Laura Thomas, RTF manager

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Spencer Moersfelder, Energy Trust of Oregon, asked about the 27 Planning Measures on [Slide 20] wondering if the structure and research principals are the same as for past Planning Measures. Thomas answered that each Planning Measure gets its own research strategy and that strategy is reviewed every time the Planning Measure is updated.

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Moersfelder asked about the comment period for the Draft Workplan and how to best get feedback to the RTF Manager. Thomas welcomed comments immediately. Thomas said she will ask the RTF for feedback on things like virtual versus in-person meetings, potential projects/analysis, and what other DR workbooks the RTF would like to see aside from the existing six.

Thomas also said staff wants RTF feedback on the proposed measure development [Slide 34]. Thomas expected this to come out of the July RTF meeting. Moersfelder appreciated the effort.

Jamae Hilliard Creecy, BPA, wrote Appreciate the work plan update and will seek my teams input on any potential research opportunities in the chat box. Thomas thanked her.

DePetrìs thanked the RTF PAC for their participation, noting the next meeting in September. DePetrìs ended the meeting at 2:30.