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| Project Name: | Transmission Corridors Work Group | |
| Convener: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kathleen Drew, Chair, Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) | |
| Background: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) of 2019, Washington set course to rapidly increase the generation of carbon-free energy from renewable sources. | |
| Purpose: (CETA, Sec. 25) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “The legislature finds that based on current technology, there will likely need to be upgrades to electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure across the state to meet the goals specified in this act.” “These facilities require a significant planning horizon to deliver electricity generation sites to retail electric load.” | |
| Objectives: (CETA, Sec. 25) | <p>The EFSEC chair shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convene a transmission corridors work group and Report its findings to the governor and legislative committees by Dec. 31, 2022. <p>The work group shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review the need for upgraded and new electricity transmission and distribution facilities to improve reliability, relieve congestion, and enhance the capability of the transmission and distribution facilities in the state to deliver electricity from electric generation, non-emitting electric generation, or renewable resources to retail electric load; Identify areas where transmission and distribution facilities may need to be enhanced or constructed; and Identify environmental review options that may be required to complete the designation of such corridors and recommend ways to expedite review of transmission projects without compromising required environmental protection. | |
| Scope: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Six one-day meetings (September - June 2022) Draft report to the Governor and legislature Final report (Dec. 31, 2022) | |
| Membership: | <u>State agencies (8 total):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commerce UTC Ecology DFW DNR WSDOT Dept. of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) Military Dept. | <u>Other representatives (10 total):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Association of Washington Cities (1 from central or eastern WA, and 1 from western WA) WA State Association of Counties (1 from central or eastern WA, and 1 from western WA) Two members designated by sovereign tribal governments One member representing affected utility industries One member representing public utility districts Two members representing statewide environmental organizations |
| | <u>“Ex officio” members (2 total):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bonneville Power Administration United States Department of Defense | |
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