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- Review and update of State Energy Strategy authorized in 2019 leg. session (RCW 43.21F.090)
  - Commerce to complete review by end of 2020
- Advisory Committee to “provide guidance to the department in conducting the review”
- Statute establishes committee member positions, with Governor-appointed Chair
- Commerce can establish technical advisory groups “as necessary to assist in the development of the strategy”
- Commerce to convey written report to Governor and legislative committees
  - Advisory Committee dissolved within three months after report conveyed
- Commerce “shall provide for extensive public involvement throughout the development of the strategy”
  - Includes a public hearing “regarding the advisory committee’s advice and recommendations for revisions to the energy strategy”
State Energy Strategy

• State Energy Strategy must:
  • Balance state energy goals (RCW 43.21F.010): competitive energy prices, fostering a clean energy economy, and meeting greenhouse gas reduction obligations
  • Align with state energy strategy principles (RCW 43.21F.088)

• Statute focus the strategy on compliance approaches for the state’s clean electricity laws and newly revised statewide emissions reductions:
  • Clean Energy Transformation Act (Chapter 19.405 RCW): 100% clean electricity generation in the state by 2045
  • Energy Independence Act (Chapter 19.285 RCW): electric utilities serving at least 25,000 retail customers to use renewable energy and energy conservation
  • Statewide greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals established by the Legislature and updated by Ecology as required by RCW 70.235.040: By 2050, reduce emissions 95% below 1990 levels—and achieve net zero GHG emissions
Advisory Committee Charter
Charter: Purpose

• Provide guidance, advice, and recommendations on the State Energy Strategy as it is developed by Commerce
  • Especially helping understand high-level implications, trade-offs, and opportunities associated with implementation of strategies, from a range of perspectives

• Provide a venue for broader public involvement

• Provide review and feedback on the draft State Energy Strategy

• Describe process and guidance in written document to be conveyed by Commerce to the Governor
Charter: Desired Outcomes

• Meaningful consideration of Committee members’ perspectives and insights
• Committee input aligns with legislative goals and principles
• Fair and accurate record of Committee deliberations and guidance
• Complete, accurate, fair and transparent planning process
Charter: Operating Guidelines

• Committee members represent personal, not organizational, perspectives
  • Encouraged to reach out to constituencies to communicate and gather input

• Consensus and voting on proposals will not be requested
  • Participation does not imply or presume agreement

• Committee will not revisit state energy goals, existing energy policy, climate science, or state GHG reduction goals

• Alternate members are not needed

• Committee will refrain from characterizing views of other members through public statements
  • Commerce and facilitator will handle any media inquiries
Chart: Enhancing Committee Dialogue

- Frame observations in terms of needs and interests, not positions
- Offer ideas and solutions toward a positive future of a robust, low-carbon, innovative economy in Washington
- Attend in-person whenever feasible
Committee Support & Public Participation

• Commerce will provide technical support as needed or requested
  • Plenary and/or sub-group meetings may involve subject matter experts and/or technical advisory groups

• Ross Strategic will provide facilitation support (meeting support, summaries, preparation of final report, etc.)
  • Neutral third party with no stake in the outcome of discussions
  • Works for the process and treats all members as equal clients

• Public Participation: Observers during committee meetings and through a public hearing
  • Time at end of meetings for brief public statements
  • Will be additional opportunities for public input in energy strategy development
Advisory Committee Process
**Phase 1:** Kick-off & Context
- Goals and principles

**Phase 2:** Sector Analysis and Strategies
- Potential sector strategies/options
- Meeting 2: Sector Workshop (Plenary/Sector Breakouts) March (full day)*

**Phase 3:** Strategy Outline and Cross-cutting Issues
- SES outline and options
- Meeting 5: Strategy Outline and Cross-cutting Issues July/August (full day)
- Meeting 6: Initial Adv. Committee Advice and Recommendations September (full day)

**Phase 4:** Reports
- SES Draft
- Public Engagement (including public hearing) September/October
- SES Final
- Meeting 7: Draft Strategy Review 1 October (half/full day)
- Meeting 8: Draft Strategy Review 2 November (half/full day)
- Meeting 9: Final Strategy Briefing December (half day)
- AC Draft Report v1
- AC Draft Report v2
- AC Draft Report v3
- AC Final Report

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*2020 WA Legislative Session: Jan. 13 – March 13*
Advisory Committee Meetings

- Will include plenary sessions and sub-group “deep dives”
- Locations will rotate around Washington State
- Meeting information and materials sent via email and available at the State Energy Strategy web page: https://www.commerce.wa.gov/growing-the-economy/energy/2021-state-energy-strategy/