



City Light Review Panel Meeting Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: April 26, 2022 | 9:00 – 11:00 AM
| Meeting held via Microsoft Teams “Final”

MEETING ATTENDANCE					
Panel Members:					
Names		Name		Name	
Anne Ayre	√	Leo Lam	√	John Putz	√
Mikel Hansen	√	Kerry Meade	√	Tim Skeel	√
Scott Haskins	√	Joel Paisner	√	Michelle Mitchell-Brannon	√
Staff and Others:					
Debra Smith	√	Jen Chan	√	Karen Reed (Consultant /RP Facilitator)	√
Kirsty Grainger	√	Mike Haynes	√	Craig Smith	√
Jim Baggs		DaVonna Johnson		Michelle Vargo	√
Kalyana Kakani		Emeka Anyanwu		Maura Brueger	√
Julie Moore	√	Chris Ruffini	√	Chris Tantoco	√
Greg Shiring	√	Carsten Croff	√	Leigh Barreca	√
Eric McConaghy	√	Caia Caldwell	√	Angela Bertrand	√
Kate Nolan	√	Brian Taubeneck	√	Jenny Levesque	√
Reagen Price	√	Rico Moore (Guest)	√	Vanessa Lund (Lund Faucett)	√

Welcome and Introductions. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

Public Comment. There was no public comment.

Standing Items:

Review Agenda. Karen Reed reviewed the agenda.

Approval of April 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Minutes were approved as presented.

Chair’s Report. No report.

Communications to Panel. Leigh Barreca reported that there were no communications to the Panel.

General Manager’s update.

Miller Community Center Microgrid Dedication. It was an exciting event – it was great to have folks come together. Governor Jay Inslee, Mayor Bruce Harrel and CM Sara Nelson attended the event. This project was a collaboration between Seattle City Light and Seattle Parks and Recreation. It was funded in part by a \$1.5 million Clean Energy Fund grant from the Washington



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State Department of Commerce. The project included the installation of 132 solar panels on the Miller Community Centers roof, which send energy to a battery storage system. This system provides backup power storage for the community center during emergency events, such as a windstorm or unplanned power outage. During such an event, the microgrid generates and supplies power allowing the center to continue providing valuable services to the community. It also helps to meet the City of Seattle's goals by reducing greenhouse gas emissions through renewable (solar) energy and enhances the resiliency of Seattle's electricity grid.

<https://powerlines.seattle.gov/2022/04/21/city-of-seattle-celebrates-earth-day-with-completion-of-miller-community-center-microgrid-project/>

- GridFWD Conference. More than 400 attendees assembled at the Bell Harbor Conference Center to discuss grid modernization. Seattle City Light served as cohost for the event along with organizer, GridFWD. This was the organization's first in-person event in over two years. Mayor Bruce Harrell was on hand to kick off the event with his welcome remarks that set the tone for the event and supported this year's theme of "Keeping Pace with the Energy Transition."

They Mayor talked about the Strategic Planning Process and the Review Panel and spoke highly of the Panel.

- Regional Meetings. The Public Power Council (PCC) is resuming in-person meetings next week on a quarterly basis. This is an important way our regional partners come together.

Equity Labs. Reagan Price presented

'Equity Labs' are an open space for conversation around how to solve complex issues. They bring program and project teams, the Race & Social Justice Change Team, and the Racial Equity Toolkit together into the budget process. We are iterating and learning throughout the process. Goals include refining equity outcomes (impact *not* output), identifying marginalized stakeholders, and plan for true costs (including engagement, language & disability access, timeline.)

In the Equity labs, we review Budget Change Requests, specifically the questions related to race and social justice as well as ADA. The shadow goal is to develop leaders across City Light with a racial equity lens

Q: Will this presentation be shared with the Panel?

A: Yes, we will send to you after the meeting.

2023 – 2028 Strategic Plan

a. Financial Requirements

Kirsty Grainger and Carsten Croff presented. The Strategic Plan Financial Forecast is in the packet.



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The two big changes from last year's document are the (1) increase in inflation for this year as well as (2) incorporation of new resource acquisition.

Q: Can you say more about the resource acquisition?

A: This is the first time we're including new resources since the early 2000s. We don't have a lot of details yet about what the resource will be. We will bring the Panel more information about our resource outlook as a part of our discussion around our upcoming Integrated Resource Plan updated (IRP).

Q: Could you talk some more about your confidence in demand projections?

A: There are a lot of uncertainties, particularly with the play between energy efficiency and electrification. We do expect our retail load will grow but the question is when this will occur. We are particularly looking at our winter resource adequacy to meet increased heating demand. We also have market driven resource adequacy needs in the summer that reduce supply.

Q: What is the capacity situation? What resources are you looking at?

A: This is a great question to dive into when the IRP comes out. They are looking at a large array of resources including wind and solar. The wind tends to be stronger for the winter resource adequacy. These are placeholder values and do not represent final decisions or contracts.

Q: Any updates from Metro on their electrification timeline?

A: We just had the ribbon cutting for the first charging station in Tukwila. We do not expect them to make changes to their commitment to have an all-electric fleet by 2035.

<https://powerlines.seattle.gov/2022/03/30/city-light-king-county-announce-opening-of-new-electric-bus-charging-base/>

b. Final Draft Strategic Plan Vanessa Lund presented. This is the version that will go to the Mayor's office in May with the Panel letter. It is still going through copy editing so there may be a few small tweaks.

c. Final Outreach Update Jenny Levesque, External Communications Manager, presented.

d. Continued Discussion of Review Panel Letter Karen presented. Materials are in the Panel packet. Panel members Mikel Hansen and Scott Haskins included some edits for discussion.

Key Panel Comments included:

- Re: Financial Health and Affordability. Request more around debt service strategy.
 - Suggested addition: "We also look forward to the utility developing, in the coming year, a long-term debt strategy which ensures a sustainable and robust path for debt load given the unpredictability in load growth, borrowing costs and capital investments."



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- There is nothing significant here in the panel letter around RSJ and/or low-income customers. We may want to, as a panel, add a sentence to this effect. This impacts all facets of the organization's work.
- Re: Organizational Agility. There's a line around organizational change management – include that this is to adapt to the future of work. Make it work towards something.

Karen will recirculate the revised letter for final approval by Panel members.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Next meeting: The May 4th meeting will likely be cancelled if the Panel can complete their letter via email. Will reconvene in June.