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Pro-Equity Anti-Racism (PEAR)

Agency Commitment

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission's mission is to protect the people of Washington by ensuring investor-owned utility and transportation services are safe, equitable, reliable, and fairly priced.

To fully meet our mission, the Utilities and Transportation Commission commits to:

- 1. Promote equitable access to opportunities and resources to reduce disparities and improve outcomes statewide across state government consistent with RCW 43.06D.020;
- 2. Be a pro-equity, anti-racist government

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PEAR mailing list

RESOURCES

- PEAR Plan & Playbook
- PEAR Strategic Action Plan (PDF)
- Office of Equity
- Executive Order 22-04

organization;

- 3. Partner with our employees and the communities served by regulated companies to develop a comprehensive equity strategic action plan to bridge opportunity gaps and reduce disparities, and establish outcome measures to determine the effectiveness of the UTC's efforts;
- Regularly publish and report outcome measures to share the effectiveness of our efforts to reduce disparities and describe how we are using input from the communities served by those programs.
- Docket A 220421 and A 230001
- Privilege Matrix

CONTACT

PEAR Team



Upcoming Events

Check back soon for updates

Past Events

- Feb. 15, 2023 at 1-2:30 p.m. PEAR External Advisory Group Meeting
 The UTC hosted our first virtual PEAR External Advisory Group meeting to
 review the agency's PEAR plan, learn about agency PEAR metrics, and
 discuss group norms and roles.
- Nov. 2, 2022 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. PEAR Advisory Group Informational Meetings

The UTC hosted two virtual information meetings to discuss the agency's PEAR Advisory Group. The meetings included an overview of the UTC, the state and commission's Pro-Equity Anti-Racism efforts, and the role of the Advisory Group. You can watch the meeting on TVW.

Executive Order 22-04

In March 2022, Gov. Jay Inslee signed Executive Order 22-04, requiring all Washington State agencies to implement a pro-equity anti-racism strategy called the PEAR Plan & Playbook under the guidance of the Office of Equity.

This strategy requires the UTC to:

- Develop a PEAR Strategic Action Plan to identify equity gaps at the UTC and prioritize how to address those gaps.
- Establish an agency PEAR team with staff from all levels and areas of the commission, to help create and implement the strategic action plan.
- Establish an external PEAR Advisory Working Group to include the public and impacted communities in evaluating and improving UTC processes.
- Submit an annual PEAR performance report to the Office of Equity.

Where We're At

- We created our internal PEAR team in summer 2022 to begin this work.
- We gathered initial public feedback on equity gaps at the UTC via a public survey and listening session.
- We established our PEAR Advisory Working Group let us know if you're interested in participating!
- We submitted our first PEAR Strategic Action Plan (PDF) to the Office of Equity.

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