



# Energy Trust of Oregon

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# Washington Customers



# NW Natural Washington Pilot



- Services to 60,000 NW Natural residential and commercial customers in Washington State
- Select Energy Trust services, resources and gas-only cash incentives
- \$1 million budget



# Current Pilot Status

- Participation
  - 400+ NW Natural customers served
  - \$71,000+ incentives paid
- Energy Savings
  - 36,000 annual therms
- Trade Ally Network
  - 130+ trade allies; > 50% based in Washington
- Collaboration with:
  - Clark and Klickitat PUD's
  - City of Vancouver and Clark County
  - BPA
  - Mid-Columbia Economic Development District
  - ARRA Funded Initiatives



# Early Cooperation Encouraging

- Enthusiasm and pride expressed
- Most common actions:
  - Homes: weatherization, efficient water heating equipment, new furnaces
  - Businesses: weatherization, boilers, food service improvements
- Outreach underway
- Possible New Homes construction program



# Advisory Group and Timeline

- Energy Efficiency Advisory Group (EEAG)
  - WUTC staff
  - Public Counsel
  - Office of the Attorney General
  - NW Natural
  - SW Washington stakeholders
- Timeline
  - First year: Oct. 1, 2009 – Sep. 30, 2010
  - Year-end report: Jan. 25, 2011
  - Third-party Benchmarking Rept: Mar. 2011
  - Decision: May 25, 2011

# History and Funding





# Introducing Energy Trust

- 1999 State of Oregon Legislature (SB 1149)
- Purpose: acquire conservation, efficiency and renewable energy benefits for utility customers
- Only electric utilities
- Identifies 3 administrators





# SB 1149 Highlights

Oregon public purpose funds for:

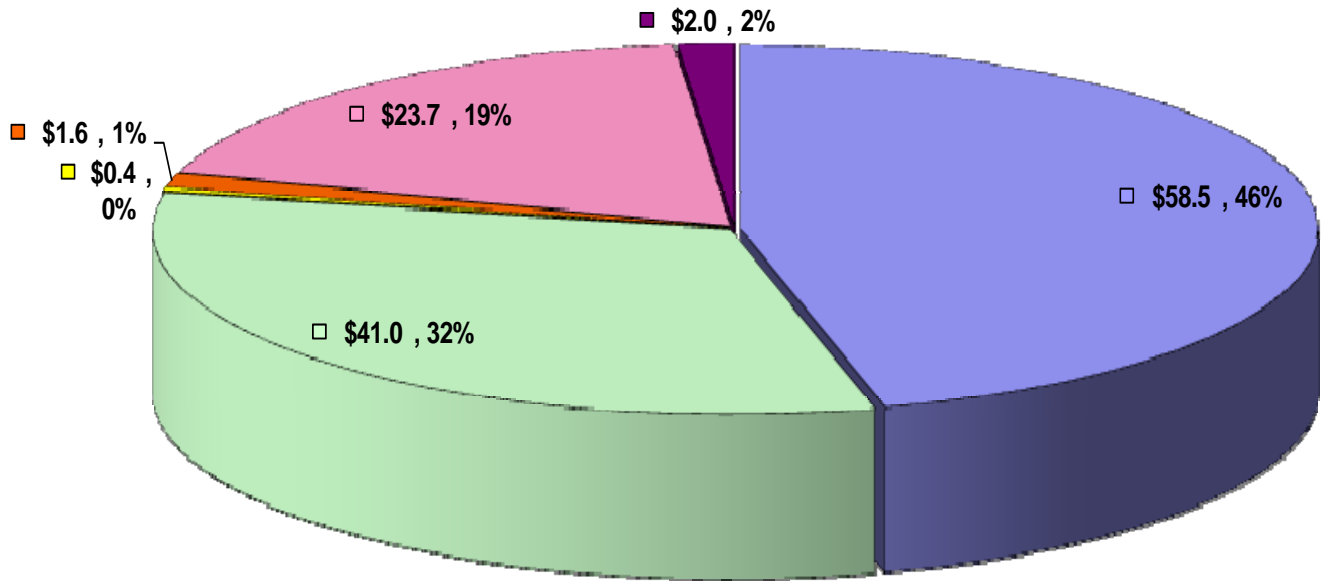
- Cost-effective energy efficiency
- Up to 100% of the above market costs for new renewable energy projects
- Market transformation
- Self-direction option

# 2007 Oregon Renewable Energy Act

- Establishes Renewable Energy Standard
  - 25 percent of Oregon's electricity produced by renewable energy sources by 2025
  - Energy Trust projects 20 MW or less
- Allows supplemental energy efficiency plans and funds
- Links Energy Trust efficiency results to utility acquisition plans
- Extends public purpose charge through 2025



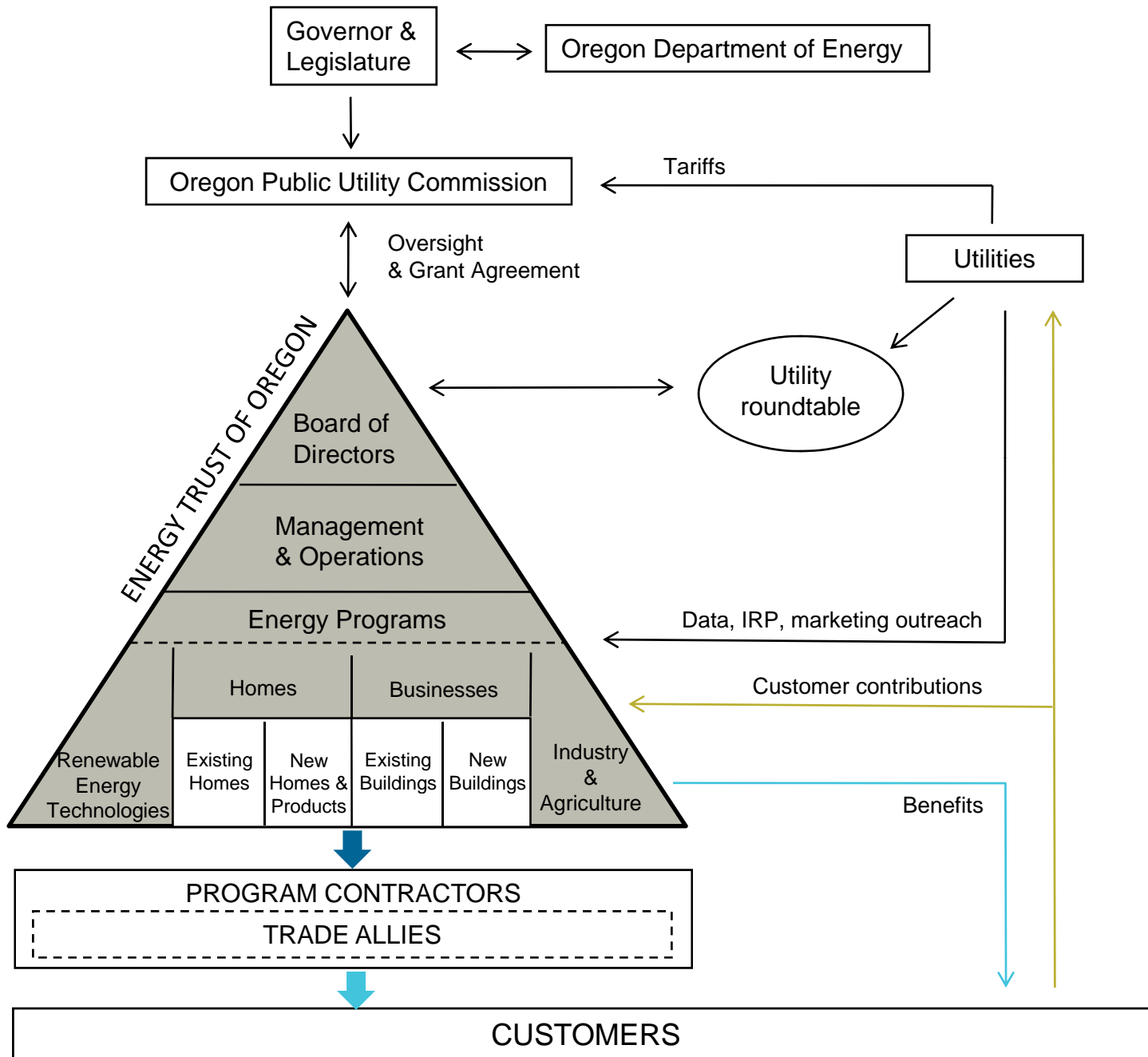
# 2010 Revenue by Funding Source



\$ in millions  
Total = \$127.2 million



# Governance and Structure





## OPUC Oversight Role

- Energy Trust contract
- Minimum performance measures
- budget, action plan, strategic plan review
- Quarterly and annual reports
- Management audit every 5 years
- Legislative liaison
- Ex officio board member
- Advisory councils/committee participation
- “Notice of concern”
- Contract termination authority

# Minimum OPUC Targets and Budget Goals



Category	Measures	2010 Budget
Energy Efficiency	Obtain at least 31aMW computed on three-year rolling average Levelized life-cycle cost cap of no more than 3.5 cents/kWh	36.3 – 48.4 aMW 3.2 cents – 2.4 cents//kWh
Natural Gas	Obtain at least 1.8 million annual therms computed on a three-year rolling average Levelized cost not to exceed 60 cents/therm	3.6 – 4.7 million annual therms 51 – 40 cents/annual therm
Renewable Energy	Secure at least 3 aMW computed on a three-year rolling average from small scale projects	5.7 – 9.9 aMW
Financial Integrity	Receive an unqualified financial opinion from independent auditor on annual financial statements	Accounting conforms with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
Administrative/Program Support Costs	Keep below 11% of annual revenue	6.7%
Customer Satisfaction	Achieve reasonable rates	Customer satisfaction research results
Benefit/Cost Ratios	Report both utility system and societal perspective on an annual basis	
Incremental Electric Efficiency Funding	Report annually energy savings achieved as a result of SB 838	







## Board of Directors Role

- Independent, volunteer, non-stakeholder board
- Public meetings
- Fiduciary responsibilities
- Strategic direction and policy
- Budget and plan approval
- Contract approvals above \$500k
- Legal compliance
- Advisory council liaison
- Prohibited from lobbying



## Staff Role

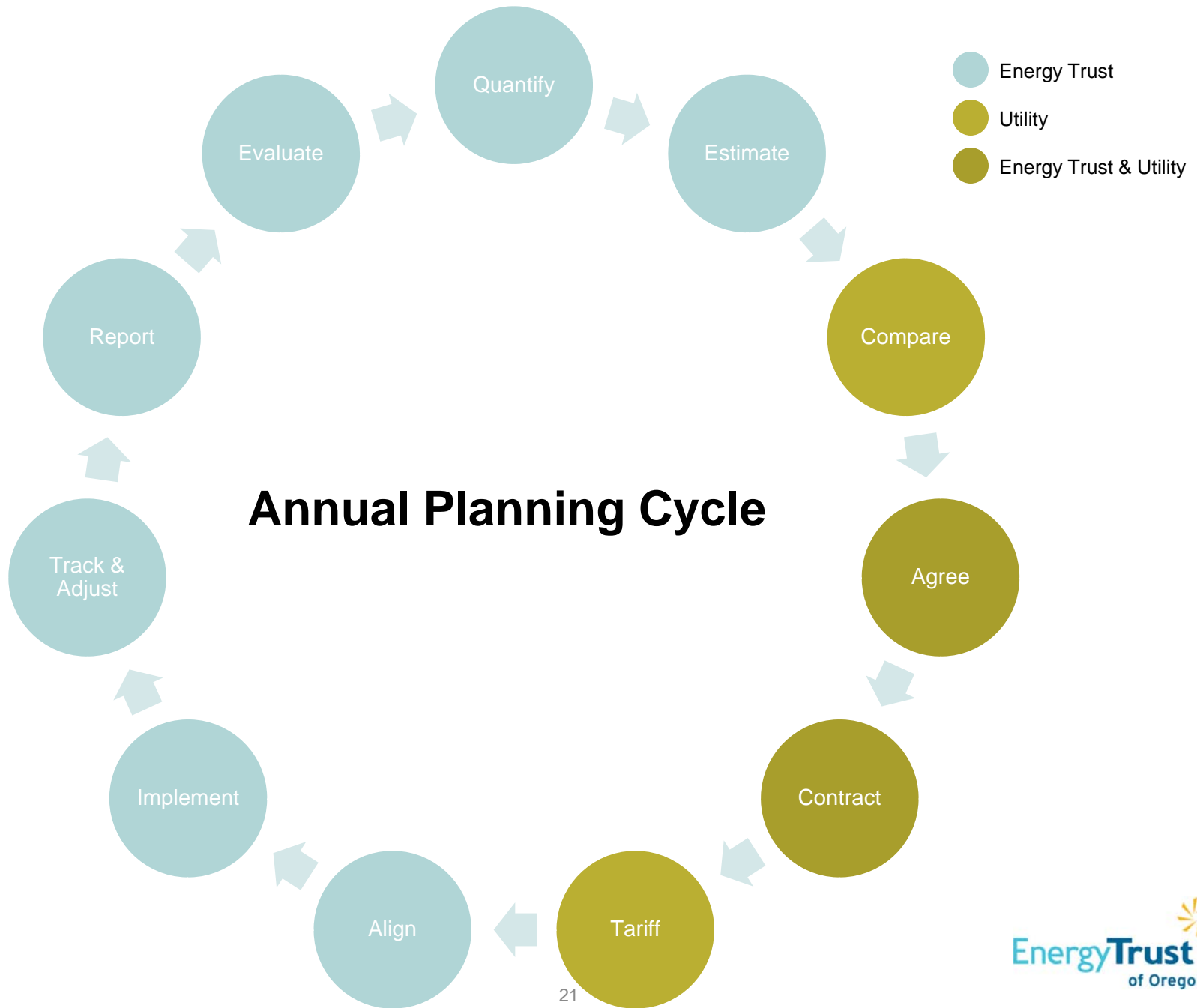
- Strategic planning
- Program design and delivery
- Management and operations
- Contract oversight
- Customer service
- Stakeholder engagement
- Quality control and assurance
- Prohibited from lobbying



# Utility Participation

- Strategic Roundtable
- Integrated Resource Planning
- Tariff filings
- Data transfer
- Outreach and marketing
- Joint planning and collaboration

# Planning and Goals





# Strategic Plan Five-Year Activities



1. Acceleration
2. Excellent customer service
3. Innovation
4. Balanced investments
5. Industry infrastructure
6. Communications
7. Efficiency and transparency



## Five Year Strategic Goals

2010 – 2014:

- Save 256 average megawatts of electricity
- Save 22.5 million annual therms
- Achieve 23 average megawatts of renewable energy

# Program and Service Highlights





# Purpose

*To provide comprehensive, sustainable energy efficiency, conservation and renewable energy solutions to those we serve.*





## What We Provide

1. Information – Integrated across fuels, efficiency and renewables
2. Technical Assistance – Home Energy Reviews to engineering analyses and feasibility studies
3. Financial Assistance – Rebates, incentives and financing





# Home Improvements



- Existing, new, manufactured, mobile homes; renters, property owners
- Advice, technical assistance and audits
- Contractor training and referrals
- Kits
- Equipment, weatherization and solar incentives
- Appliance rebates
- Energy Performance Score
- Training



# Business Opportunities



- Existing and new buildings
- Assessments
- Energy modeling, design and technical assistance
- Contractor, designer, architect, builder training and referrals
- Building efficiency, equipment commissioning and solar incentives

## Industry and Agriculture Services



- Existing and new facilities
- Technical assistance
- Scoping studies and analyses
- Contractor training and referrals
- Customized solutions
- Cash incentives for qualified improvements

# Solar Electric & Solar Water Heating

- Free workshops
- Home assessments
- Contractor training and referrals
- Cash incentives
- Financing
- “Solarize” bulk purchase and neighborhood model





# Renewable Technologies



- Solar, wind, biopower, small hydro, geothermal
- Open solicitation
- Technical and project development assistance
- Feasibility studies
- Contractor training and referrals

# Evaluation





# Evaluation

- Evaluation committee
- Fast feedback
- Third-party process and impact evaluations
- Staff responses
- Annual “true-up”
- All measurement and verification reports public



# 2009 Customer Satisfaction Results

- Consistently high satisfaction ratings
- 2009 ratings:

<u>Program</u>	<u>% Satisfied/Very Satisfied</u>
Refrigerator Recycling	97%
Existing Buildings	95%
Production Efficiency	94%

# Results



# Cumulative Results

Since 2002:

- Saved 222 average megawatts of electricity, equivalent to powering 187,400 average Oregon homes for a year
- 13.1 million annual therms of natural gas, equivalent to providing gas heat to about 26,000 homes for a year.
- Generated 99.7 average megawatts of renewable energy
- Continued growth in awareness, participation, project volume and results

## The Lowest Cost Energy We Can Buy

- Efficiency is 3-4 times less than building a new power plant
  - 2-3 cents per kWh vs. 8-10 cents per kWh for new generation
- Utility loads reduced 4.3% through 2009





## Economic Value Added

- Saved utility customers nearly \$600 million dollars
- Generated \$76 million in wages
- Contributed \$11 million in new business income
- Created nearly 2,300 new jobs
- Attracted and supported over 1,500 contractors





# Keeping our Air Cleaner

- Offset more than 4.3 million tons of carbon dioxide generated by fossil fuels
- Equivalent to taking more than 750,000 cars off the road for one year





## Strengths of the Model

- Mission driven
- Stable funding
- Comprehensive services
- Objectivity
- Partnership and leverage
- Low administrative costs
- Accountability
- Transparency







## In Conclusion

We are somewhere between:

*“We stand here  
confronted with  
insurmountable  
opportunities.”*

- Amory Lovins, quoting Pogo

and:

*“Do what needs to be  
done, and check to see  
if it was impossible only  
after you are done.”*

- Paul Hawken





# Questions/Discussion



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