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Steed, Shannon

But you should be able to see here in just a second.

0:0:10.590 --> 0:0:11.860

Steed, Shannon

That available to everybody.

0:0:14.150 --> 0:0:14.920

Charlee Thompson

Looks good.

0:0:14.650 --> 0:0:15.100

Marie Stangeland

Yes.

0:0:16.40 --> 0:0:16.540

Steed, Shannon

Thank you.

0:0:16.570 --> 0:0:16.930

Hockett, Constance

Yes.

0:0:18.20 --> 0:0:21.430

Steed, Shannon

So we will go ahead and begin with our our roll call as we normally do.

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Steed, Shannon

If you could just let me know if you're present, we'll start with Blue Mountain Action Council.

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Estella Avalos

Stella here for Blue Mountain action council.

0:0:30.330 --> 0:0:31.50

Steed, Shannon

Hi Stella.

0:0:32.180 --> 0:0:37.460

Steed, Shannon

Community Action connections. I know Dalia is here. Dalia, is there anyone else with you from your agency?

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No, just me, Shannon.

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Steed, Shannon

OK.

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Steed, Shannon

So Dale and Sandy, let me know that they are closing early today. So they're not with us. How about coastal Community Action program?

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Steed, Shannon

Joanne Douglas, Community Action Council.

0:0:59.130 --> 0:0:59.680

Vern Gurnard (Guest)

Yes.

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Steed, Shannon

I is that Vern?

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Vern Gurnard (Guest)

Yeah, it is.

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Steed, Shannon

I think spurn.

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Steed, Shannon

Kitsap Community resources.

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Steed, Shannon

Lower Columbia Community Action Center.

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Steed, Shannon

Northwest Community Action Center.

0:1:22.800 --> 0:1:24.930

Jose Alvarez (NCAC)

Uh Jose Alvarez here for CAC.

0:1:25.590 --> 0:1:26.230

Steed, Shannon

Hi, Jose.

0:1:27.410 --> 0:1:28.520

Steed, Shannon

Oh, I see of Washington.

0:1:33.430 --> 0:1:36.850

Steed, Shannon

And opportunity council. I know Marie is here. Anyone else?

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Steed, Shannon

Reaction of Skagit County.

0:1:47.970 --> 0:1:49.260

Misty

That's me, Shannon.

0:1:50.430 --> 0:1:50.980

Misty

Misty.

0:1:55.460 --> 0:1:56.280

Hockett, Constance

Yes.

0:1:50.720 --> 0:1:56.430

Steed, Shannon

Almost funny. Thanks so much, county Human Services. Constance did. Is anyone else you?

0:1:57.200 --> 0:1:59.230

Hockett, Constance

Sarah is here with me. Sarah Haskell.

0:1:59.830 --> 0:2:0.900

Steed, Shannon

OK. Thanks Sarah.

0:2:1.910 --> 0:2:3.410

Steed, Shannon

Uh WTC staff?

0:2:8.180 --> 0:2:13.150

Navarro, Hanna (UTC)

This is Hanna Navarro. I'm here. And a couple other colleagues are here as well.

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Steed, Shannon

Thanks.

0:2:13.770 --> 0:2:15.920

Roberts, Andrew (UTC)

The this is Andrew Roberts. I'm here.

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Sellards, Andrew (UTC)

And this is Andy Sellards from staff.

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Steed, Shannon

Thank you all the energy project.

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**Ross Quigley** 

Yeah, this is Ross Quigley and I'm attending until about 3:00. I have another meeting.

0:2:28.440 --> 0:2:29.170

Steed, Shannon

OK. Thank you.

0:2:29.850 --> 0:2:31.980

Yochi Zakai

Good afternoon. Yokosuka is here as well.

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Steed, Shannon

I OK. Thank you.

0:2:34.320 --> 0:2:35.90

Steed, Shannon

Public counsel.

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Corey Dahl (PCU-he/him) (Guest)

Yes, this is Corey doll. I'm on the line.

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Steed, Shannon

Agree Northwest Energy coalition.

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Charlee Thompson

Hi, this is Charlie Thompson.

0:2:46.120 --> 0:2:46.670

Steed, Shannon

I, Charlie.

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Steed, Shannon

Our Department of Commerce.

0:2:52.170 --> 0:2:53.670

DeBell, Michelle (COM)

Michelle De Bell is here.

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Steed, Shannon

Hi, welcome the shell.

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DeBell, Michelle (COM)

Welcome and Happy New Year everybody.

0:2:59.610 --> 0:3:1.20

Steed, Shannon

Yes, happy New Year to you.

0:3:2.590 --> 0:3:8.220

Steed, Shannon

And for Cascade natural gas, we've had some last minute changes. Uh because of last minute things that have come up.

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Steed, Shannon

Umm, so I know that Dan can't be with us and Lori is not able to join us.

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Steed, Shannon

Um, mark Chiles. I think he's unable to join as well.

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Steed, Shannon

How about Byron?

0:3:22.670 --> 0:3:23.60

Pfordte, Byron

I'm here.

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Steed, Shannon

And Chris is here.

0:3:27.220 --> 0:3:30.100

Steed, Shannon

And Pam is out on vacation, I believe.

0:3:35.100 --> 0:3:35.790

Mickelson, Christopher

That's correct.

0:3:34.980 --> 0:3:35.960

Steed, Shannon

Is there anyone in this?

0:3:36.810 --> 0:3:38.560

Steed, Shannon

Is there anyone whose name I did not call?

0:3:41.500 --> 0:3:44.30

Ortiz, Noemi

Just me and John penalty knowing me or this cascade.

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Steed, Shannon

Oh, I know. Amy, thanks for joining us.

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Ortiz, Noemi

I.

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Steed, Shannon

So we will move ahead with our agenda and I'll go ahead and begin here with our company update.

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Steed, Shannon

And this is just a brief recap of the November WEAF report that I sent out by e-mail on December 14th. And if you look here over to the right side of your screen, I've just included this information here and what I provided was just a snapshot of the spending that occurred during November. And so I've included a few images here. The first is just suspending overview of pledges, which again is just a snapshot of the most recent.

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Steed, Shannon

In the previous month and can we can so we can compare that to the previous program years to sort of give us a landmark of where we are in comparison and this can tell us how our program year is progressing. So of course what this just being November, we just have our first two months here and we're happy to see that we've had a an increase in pledge spending between October and November and a nice increase compared to November of last year as well.

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Steed, Shannon

And I've also included our program year budget. We have 3 tiers for our program year, which is our base of 1.2 million. And then we also have our 15% budget increase built in at 1.4. And then we have an

additional 5% soft cap as well, which takes us up to 1.5 million. And you'll notice that these three tiers are the same over the last three program years. And this is because of a rate case from.

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Steed, Shannon

At 2016, which created a 5 year plan for us and the 2021 program year capped out that five year plan for the budget and we have carried that same budget over for the previous two for the current year and the previous program year as well. So the spending limits have not changed.

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Steed, Shannon

And then I've also included a little granular data here as far as the agency totals for the month, just to show us the different activity that's going on between our agency partners throughout our service territory.

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Steed, Shannon

And then the last bit of information I have is the updated budget totals, which takes us down to the screen down here. And this just tells us how much is available for each tier of the budget level.

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Steed, Shannon

So we have a long way to go and we have 1.3 million left available to our final 5% soft cap for the program year.

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Steed, Shannon

Any questions about that before we move on?

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Yochi Zakai

Hey, Shannon, this is Yoki. With the energy project, no questions. Thank you for sharing. I would just note that you know, I know it's kind of a historical remnant of the prior rate cases that we have this budget and then a budget increase and then a CAP after that. And so I think that one of the things we might wanna think about is in the next great case, maybe just taking the highest number and setting that as the budget rather than having three different numbers.

0:7:1.580 --> 0:7:2.10 Steed, Shannon

OK.

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Steed, Shannon

All right. Thank you.

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Steed, Shannon

Any other comments or questions?

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Mickelson, Christopher

So Yoki the Chris Mickelson instead of maybe doing the rate case, we could always try to work that as part of the next.

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Mickelson, Christopher

Program year and uh. If everybody agrees, I I would can't imagine the Commission would be against that.

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Mickelson, Christopher

It does.

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Yochi Zakai

Yeah, that sounds fine. Good. Those kinds of changes are normally done in a rate case, but you know, there's consensus to do it outside the rate case. That's fine. Again, I think this is more of a complication in that it just makes reporting a little more complicated on Cascades end. So, yeah, if everybody.

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Yochi Zakai

Yeah.

0:7:49.920 --> 0:8:17.130

Mickelson, Christopher

But I'm also thinking you know the rate case, we wouldn't file one until probably late next year, so you wouldn't get an order till 2024, maybe in time for the 2024 program year. So I'm just kind of thinking ahead like you may not actually get that implemented until 2020, late 2024 or 2025. So if we can get consensus on that, then I think it would be a lot easier just to.

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Mickelson, Christopher

Make that as part of our next program you're filing.

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Yochi Zakai

Yeah. Well, let's hear from other folks. I tap tap would be supportive of that. I don't know if there's anybody on the call who would have any concerns about just taking the highest number and using that as our budget.

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Charlee Thompson

I don't think anyone has any concerns.

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Mickelson, Christopher

Public counsel.

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Corey Dahl (PCU-he/him) (Guest)

That sounds fine to me.

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Mickelson, Christopher

UTC staff.

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Navarro, Hanna (UTC)

Yeah, that that's OK with.

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Navarro, Hanna (UTC)

With me.

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Mickelson, Christopher

Any of the agencies or?

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Lorena Shah

This Lorena know concern from our agency.

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Misty

This misty no concern it's gadget.

0:9:39.920 --> 0:9:42.940

Alan Walker, CDCAC (Guest)

Alan Walker, no concern from Chelan Douglas Community Action Council.

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Hockett, Constance

You know.

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Mickelson, Christopher

And I see a few people wrote in the chat saying no concerns. So sorry, it's.

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Hockett, Constance

No concerns from Snohomish County Energy assistance, as far as I could see.

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Mickelson, Christopher

Alright, sounds like no concerns all around, so we will.

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Mickelson, Christopher

Get that implemented as part of our next program here.

0:10:17.700 --> 0:10:18.810

Mickelson, Christopher

Shannon, back to you.

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Steed, Shannon

Thank you everyone. So if there are no further questions, I'm going to turn this over to Byron, who will be filling in for Dan.

0:10:30.440 --> 0:10:42.340

Pfordte, Byron

Thanks, Shannon. Yeah, we'll go through some of the items covered in the small group in our last small group meeting, which probably by no surprise touches on a lot of the agenda items we have for today.

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Pfordte, Byron

Under Item 2 and so since I'm covering those as well, we may just as I'm going through our small group update, I may touch on some of the items under #2 there. At the same time and try to kill two birds with one stone. The first item we discussed from our last meeting was actually it covers.

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Pfordte, Byron

The 25% addition to the WEAF pledge and and that being retroactive for customers back to the beginning of the heating season October 1st and and Cascade and I think we had a pretty good consensus that that.

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Pfordte, Byron

Making that benefit retroactive.

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Pfordte, Byron

From was.

0:11:29.530 --> 0:11:30.720

Pfordte, Byron

The way to go and so.

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Pfordte, Byron

The question was raised from our small group meeting by Lorena on on how we want to handle those retroactive credits and cascade is willing to to apply the credits and provide the agencies with the updated customer data. And so if that works for everyone, if there's no objections to that, then that's how we'll we'll move along with that. Any concerns with with taking that route.

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Misty

So this is Skagit, I just have a quick question. I wasn't at the last meeting but.

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Misty

So if you guys are gonna do the credit, you're gonna contact, you're gonna let us know who and how much. Do we just need to note the file, Shannon, is that all you want us to do?

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Steed. Shannon

Well, we wanted, we want to provide this information to you and however you need to document the files. Of course, we would leave up to you.

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Steed, Shannon

That may be an individual agency decision.

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Steed, Shannon

Or if you feel like you don't need it, you could just let me know.

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Lorena Shah

Yeah, just a little background. Misty. I was thinking about specific certain agencies that maybe have their own databases that they would want to update in that kind of thing. So I think it is probably an agency by agency decision.

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Misty

Yeah, I I would like to know just to be able to have it so we can and and I would just document the files I think in document I put a note page or something in there.

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Misty

That we have so.

0:13:1.720 --> 0:13:2.50

Misty

OK.

0:13:3.910 --> 0:13:9.270

Steed, Shannon

All right, I'll plan to send it to every agency unless I hear from anyone specifically that they don't need it.

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Pfordte, Byron

Or did you or I'm sorry. Yochi. Did you pop up because you had comment?

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Yochi Zakai

Ohh yeah, I just wanted to make sure everyone was on the same page because not everyone was at the small group meeting, so I was just going to provide a little more background and say that you know the some of the stakeholders that the last big group meeting made this proposal to increase the pledges by 25% and Cascade agreed to it at the last small group meeting. So now we're talking about how we would implement that and the two parts of it would be.

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Yochi Zakai

Alright, you know, increasing the pledge amounts by 25% going forward, what we're talking about now, it sounds like is cascades also gonna go back and look at the grants that we're given this program here. So since October 1st, an increase those by 25% and then the other part of it that we had proposed that Cascade agreed to was increasing the the CAP on.

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Yochi Zakai

The the highest grant amount by 25% as well.

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Misty

So you.

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Pfordte, Byron

Yeah, you're getting a little me ahead of me there. I was. I was getting that. But. But thank you. Yeah, that leads to.

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Pfordte, Byron

Umm, the next point, but I think somebody else had a comment there.

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Misty

Well, I my question is, is there going to be a new calculation form then?

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Misty

If we're going forward.

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Misty

Sorry.

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Pfordte, Byron

Well, yeah, and that's that's the next part. So moving forward, the the idea is to simply add a calculation

or a formula to the current calculator that takes that amount. So what's currently calculated and just adds 25% to that grant amount.

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Pfordte, Byron

Does that make sense?

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Pfordte, Byron

Any questions about that?

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Misty

It it makes sense, it's just it's is there going to be a new calculator that is gonna come out to do that?

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Misty

Automatically. OK.

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Mickelson, Christopher

Yes. And that's the next discussion item I'll talk about. So if you would hold your question until after that discussion and if I don't answer then.

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Mickelson, Christopher

Have ask your questions then.

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Pfordte, Byron

And we'll if if.

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Pfordte, Byron

In a moment, I'll let Chris adjust that or address that a little bit more, but I I just want to learn from you all. If there's if there's any concerns with #1 cascade applying these grants retroactively supplying information to the agencies and then #2 any issues with applying the grants for future grants with the method we're proposing and and all that. Keep in mind that all of these would require tariff changes, so.

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Pfordte, Byron

If I have the, I think the next Open Commission meeting is January 12th and so it would be on the agenda for that meeting and the hope would be that they would, you know, take an approval action on it at that meeting and we would be able to implement from that point on. But.

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Pfordte, Byron

Um, Chris, actually, if you if you want to discuss, you know what that would look like for the calculator.

Now we can we can knock that out and and get through a majority of what's on the agenda item too if you want.

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Mickelson, Christopher

Sure. So.

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Mickelson, Christopher

Unfortunately, I wasn't at the small WEAF advisory group meeting held earlier this month, so please feel free Yoki public counsel others to chime in if I.

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Mickelson, Christopher

Misconstrue anything? Uh, but basically, uh.

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Mickelson, Christopher

There was talk about.

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Mickelson, Christopher

Redoing the calculator, adding in the 80% AMI and then also adding in this additional 25% both to the credit, so it's gonna go from 500 up to 6:25 and then also to the grant amount that.

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Mickelson, Christopher

Previous applied to others.

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Mickelson, Christopher

And so the eligibility threshold will vary by county and as part of the AMI piece. However, the benefit curve for the AMI piece will be fixed by the medium county. And so incorporating this they're probably will be some format issue changes to the calculator, but there will be a new calculator. The goal is to get it out.

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Mickelson, Christopher

That by the end of next month so you could start using it February on.

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Mickelson, Christopher

Kind of that next.

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Mickelson, Christopher

A topic where it's what 2A?

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Mickelson, Christopher

Or it looks like, uh, if there is consensus and agreement on kind of everything we talking about the calculator, the 25% applying it to pledges that.

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Mickelson, Christopher

From the start of the program year, then we will get these tariff changes in place, get it filed tomorrow with the goal to it looks like the next open meeting will be.

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Mickelson, Christopher

Think there's one tomorrow, but we won't make that one the next one. That this would be available is for the January 12th. We actually probably won't be doing LSND since the calculator won't be in place, so we'll actually just let it do the normal 30 day process.

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Mickelson, Christopher

Umm.

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Mickelson, Christopher

I I'll. I'll just leave it there for right now. Any questions?

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Yochi Zakai

Thanks, Chris. No questions. I'll just say like I did in the e-mail that generally this sounds like a good approach, but obviously if any of the agencies have any specific questions or clarifications would be good to get those addressed.

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Pfordte, Byron

Any any questions about that?

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Pfordte, Byron

Before we move on.

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Pfordte, Byron

No. OK.

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Pfordte, Byron

Umm.

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Pfordte, Byron

The that covers the majority of the topics from our last small group meeting and a majority of the topics under this meeting's agenda for #2.

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Pfordte, Byron

Umm, the the last topic that was discussed actually has to do with agenda item 3 for this meeting and it's the.

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Pfordte, Byron

Program design for.

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Pfordte, Byron

For the new Arrearage management and rate discount program and and specifically focusing on impacts to the agencies and the items that we discussed during our small group meeting.

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Pfordte, Byron

Were along the lines of creating a rate base or income based tiers for the program and I believe based on on five tier levels.

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Pfordte, Byron

Umm. And then joint administration of the program between the utilities and the Community Action agencies.

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Pfordte, Byron

And and the big focus there is is information sharing between the utility US and and the agencies. So that all programs available to customers that they qualify for potentially qualify for our are made known to them and they are given the option to enroll in those.

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Pfordte, Byron

And then enrollment for the arrearage management and rate discount program through self attestation of income and household size.

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Pfordte, Byron

Yeah, obviously these are the items that that still need to to be discussed and and hammered out, but audits for verification and that includes you know percentage of audit, who who should handle the audits.

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Pfordte, Byron

Type of income and the length of enrollment processing changes for income. And then there's several items that just.

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Pfordte, Byron

Fall under enrollment use of categorical eligibility and.

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Pfordte, Byron

And qualifying customers that way.

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Pfordte, Byron

Let's see.

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Pfordte, Byron

And then one of the points brought up was just managing overlap between LIHEAP and the build discount program, developing a plan to maximize use of of federal funding so that those funds are are put to good use.

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Pfordte, Byron

So that that wraps up what we covered in our small group meeting and it and it does lead us into our third topic for this meeting and and that is the design of the new program and and as I said specifically agency impacts.

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Pfordte, Byron

Um from this design and and so I mean if.

0:22:26.220 --> 0:22:26.720

Pfordte, Byron

lf.

0:22:27.600 --> 0:22:31.30

Pfordte, Byron

If it makes sense to everyone else, I think probably the the best.

0:22:32.550 --> 0:22:33.860

Pfordte, Byron

Place to start is with.

0:22:35.10 --> 0:22:50.560

Pfordte, Byron

The the first topic and that is the design of the income income based tiers and originally we had presented and Chris you can correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe it was four tiers and the suggestion was to move that to five tiers.

0:22:52.310 --> 0:22:56.70

Pfordte, Byron

And and I forget exactly how those were broken broken up, but.

0:22:58.670 --> 0:23:1.950

Pfordte, Byron

I think if you know if we can come to some.

0:23:2.610 --> 0:23:7.60

Pfordte, Byron

Consensus on on those tier levels that would be a good first step.

0:23:10.370 --> 0:23:13.180

Pfordte, Byron

Do you have Chris or Shannon, do you have?

0:23:13.900 --> 0:23:14.650

Pfordte, Byron

The.

0:23:15.740 --> 0:23:19.460

Pfordte, Byron

Original tears that that we presented in handy that you could share.

0:23:25.990 --> 0:23:27.700

Steed, Shannon

I do not, but I can see if I can find them.

0:23:33.20 --> 0:23:51.420

Yochi Zakai

While we're looking for that and at risk of jumping around a little bit, which I wanna apologize for, can I ask you know and maybe we could save this till the end if we don't want to deal with it now, but could we also just get an update on the Department of Commerce?

0:23:51.500 --> 0:23:56.480

Yochi Zakai

Umm Arrearage funding that I know that they were trying to get out.

0:23:57.830 --> 0:23:59.240

Yochi Zakai

Uh, before the end of the year.

0:24:0.770 --> 0:24:5.730

DeBell, Michelle (COM)

You're gonna have to talk to Brian Sarensen about that, because I don't have any additional news.

0:24:8.140 --> 0:24:17.890

DeBell, Michelle (COM)

And if I understand the question, that money for the ARREARAGE funding for the Public Utilities is being handled by the Energy Office.

0:24:19.110 --> 0:24:21.290

DeBell, Michelle (COM)

My heap, the LIHEAP program's not doing it.

0:24:23.850 --> 0:24:24.160

Yochi Zakai

I.

0:24:24.10 --> 0:24:33.110

DeBell, Michelle (COM)

So if you need to have information on that, please contact Brian and he'll he'll get it for you or he'll wrap you to somebody who can.

0:24:35.550 --> 0:24:51.560

Yochi Zakai

OK, I just didn't know Cascade had had been in contact with them because I think we got an updated our last small group meeting about that and I was just thinking it might be nice to share that with the other with the agencies that weren't at that small group meeting as well.

0:25:2.810 --> 0:25:3.200

DeBell, Michelle (COM)

OK.

0:24:56.690 --> 0:25:3.550

Yochi Zakai

But if we don't have it, then that can wait until the next time we meet. So that's fine as well. Just wanted to bring it up.

0:25:7.810 --> 0:25:12.490

Pfordte, Byron

Make it Chris supplied the tier levels for this. I'm gonna. I'm gonna share my screen here and.

0:25:15.950 --> 0:25:22.410

Pfordte, Byron

Or at least this portion of it and and it's in the chat as well. If you all want to. Would prefer to look at it that way.

0:25:32.180 --> 0:25:35.120

Pfordte, Byron

Bear with me here. Just a moment. I got too many windows open.

0:25:38.570 --> 0:25:44.360

Pfordte, Byron

Ohh great, I'm just going to share my teams window and I don't think I've got anything in there confidential.

0:25:49.650 --> 0:25:59.640

Mickelson, Christopher

While we're waiting on that, can we just get confirmation that everybody was OK with the proposed? Oh, we've tariff changes, that Cascade will.

0:26:0.530 --> 0:26:1.430

Mickelson, Christopher

File tomorrow.

0:26:2.690 --> 0:26:4.360

Mickelson, Christopher

Have we heard from?

0:26:5.650 --> 0:26:9.500

Mickelson, Christopher

The energy project so public counsel staff others.

0:26:10.160 --> 0:26:11.50

Mickelson, Christopher

If you could chime in.

0:26:11.820 --> 0:26:12.650

Mickelson, Christopher

And agencies.

0:26:16.850 --> 0:26:24.630

Lorena Shah

Thanks, good clarifying question. Does the tariff currently also include the minimum we forward?

0:26:28.310 --> 0:26:30.440

Lorena Shah

Or just the upper limit.

0:26:31.900 --> 0:26:35.500

Mickelson, Christopher

It just reflects 8 upper. I don't think there is a minimum.

0:26:36.120 --> 0:26:36.890

Lorena Shah

OK. Thanks.

0:26:41.440 --> 0:26:42.40

Pfordte, Byron

If I make this.

0:26:43.190 --> 0:26:43.830

Yochi Zakai

Proceed.

0:26:43.40 --> 0:26:44.570

Corey Dahl (PCU-he/him) (Guest)

And just to clarify the.

0:26:45.540 --> 0:26:46.0

Corey Dahl (PCU-he/him) (Guest)

Go ahead.

0:26:47.980 --> 0:26:59.600

Yochi Zakai

Ohh, I just gonna ask Chris, we we just talked about the general, the, the general contents, you didn't distribute a draft that I missed, did you because I didn't see a draft.

0:27:0.330 --> 0:27:12.720

Mickelson, Christopher

Correct. There's no draft. Basically all would happen is we add in the 80% AMI language. We've changed the \$500.00 WEAF.

0:27:14.250 --> 0:27:18.570

Mickelson, Christopher

Program grant cap up to 625.

0:27:20.710 --> 0:27:24.460

Mickelson, Christopher

And I might even be able to do even the program.

0:27:27.110 --> 0:27:29.980

Mickelson, Christopher

Cost change that we talked about at the very beginning.

0:27:30.900 --> 0:27:35.610

Mickelson, Christopher

And just make that set at the 1.5 million soft cap amount.

0:27:40.360 --> 0:27:46.450

Mickelson, Christopher

But no, they're they're there is not a draft yet. I'll be working on that once we have consensus.

0:27:49.20 --> 0:27:49.540

Yochi Zakai

Thanks.

0:27:49.110 --> 0:27:53.190

Corey Dahl (PCU-he/him) (Guest)

Yeah, the the tariff changes discussed that.

0:27:54.510 --> 0:27:56.460

Corey Dahl (PCU-he/him) (Guest)

No, we're just discussed or?

0:27:57.190 --> 0:27:58.500

Corey Dahl (PCU-he/him) (Guest)

Are suitable to public counsel.

0:28:3.120 --> 0:28:7.910

Charlee Thompson

This is Charlie with the Northwest Energy coalition. They're also fine with NYC. Thanks.

0:28:12.280 --> 0:28:15.410

Navarro, Hanna (UTC)

Umm yeah, those those are also good with staff.

0:28:19.740 --> 0:28:28.110

Hockett, Constance

This is Constance with Snohomish County Energy assistance. Unfortunately, my supervisor is off today. Excuse.

0:28:29.680 --> 0:28:33.330

Hockett, Constance

But I don't foresee any issues. From what I understand.

0:28:44.10 --> 0:28:45.330

Mickelson, Christopher

Alright. Well thank you everyone.

0:28:47.530 --> 0:28:52.190

Yochi Zakai

So Lorena asked about the the minimum award.

0:28:53.650 --> 0:29:6.470

Yochi Zakai

And apparently there is no minimum awarded as what is what I heard. And I know that some other utilities do have kind of a minimum award amount.

0:29:7.750 --> 0:29:19.120

Yochi Zakai

And I'm wondering if that's something that we could think about adding. I know this is kind of late, so if it's not appropriate then you know, maybe we can.

0:29:20.140 --> 0:29:32.800

Yochi Zakai

You know, we can hold off on that, but if it's something that folks are open to and we're making some tariff changes that everybody has consensus about, I'm wondering if we might be able to include.

0:29:33.800 --> 0:29:52.170

Yochi Zakai

A minimum amount as well because it seems like if we're giving out awards that are less than \$100 sometimes, maybe that's not the best use of of everyone's time. And we could maybe up it to to amount that's a little bit more significant.

0:29:54.440 --> 0:29:58.150

Mickelson, Christopher

So these are for customers who qualify.

0:29:59.130 --> 0:29:59.770

Mickelson, Christopher

But.

0:30:1.250 --> 0:30:5.310

Mickelson, Christopher

Get something less than whatever this minimum threshold would be. Is that correct?

0:30:8.410 --> 0:30:26.80

Lorena Shah

Yeah, that's correct. So it's like PSE or even LIHEAP, if somebody's calculation, you know, their benefit calculation brings them in less than two, if it's 200 for LIHEAP, we think it's 2 or 250 for PSE help it then just rounds that benefit up to to that minimum threshold.

0:30:27.520 --> 0:30:29.770

Lorena Shah

We have we have one, at least the.

0:30:28.620 --> 0:30:32.270

Mickelson, Christopher

That two 50s based off combine utilities, right?

0:30:33.980 --> 0:30:42.30

Lorena Shah

No, that that's for both combined and electric only PSE LIHEAP's 200. I'm not necessarily proposing we go all the way up to 250.

0:30:43.190 --> 0:30:44.240

Lorena Shah

But maybe.

0:30:43.210 --> 0:30:46.310

Mickelson, Christopher

Do you know what PSE gas minimum is?

0:30:49.960 --> 0:30:50.380

Lorena Shah

١.

0:30:51.310 --> 0:30:52.240

Lorena Shah

I'm not here.

0:30:51.360 --> 0:30:53.190

Hockett, Constance

I believe it's 250 as well.

0:30:54.140 --> 0:30:54.560

Hockett, Constance

Isn't it?

0:30:54.10 --> 0:30:57.640

Lorena Shah

Is it 250 for each? I'm not quite sure how the the the.

0:30:57.550 --> 0:30:58.90

Hockett, Constance

Umm.

0:30:58.540 --> 0:31:0.930

Lorena Shah

For benefits when it's both our.

0:31:2.450 --> 0:31:5.420

Lorena Shah

Nobody on the call is because we're all CNG weave.

0:31:8.820 --> 0:31:11.60

Lorena Shah

Yeah, which I don't have that answer handy.

0:31:13.10 --> 0:31:16.60

Pfordte, Byron

We can reach out and and see if we can find that.

0:31:17.520 --> 0:31:21.830

Pfordte, Byron

But that was that would be something you'd need to include in this next filing, right, Chris?

0:31:22.320 --> 0:31:30.900

Mickelson, Christopher

Yeah, I would need to include it in the tariff and then it would also have to be something that works into the calculator. So I'm I'm just kind of concerned about.

0:31:31.570 --> 0:31:32.380

Mickelson, Christopher

Those timings.

0:31:34.600 --> 0:31:37.670

Mickelson, Christopher

Unless we just agree to a minimum now and.

0:31:38.520 --> 0:31:41.310

Mickelson, Christopher

I'll do my darndest to get it built into the calculator.

0:31:44.680 --> 0:31:46.80

Yochi Zakai

Yeah, I mean it.

0:31:47.790 --> 0:31:48.450

Yochi Zakai

And we will.

0:31:49.490 --> 0:31:50.960

Yochi Zakai

Think about the.

0:31:52.100 --> 0:31:54.890

Yochi Zakai

You know the average bill amount and.

0:31:56.180 --> 0:32:5.850

Yochi Zakai

And what might be worth it for people coming into the office and going through the whole, you know, the whole process to get an award, you know?

0:32:6.630 --> 0:32:12.440

Yochi Zakai

If 250 feels feels too high, you know, maybe maybe \$100 would be reasonable.

0:32:15.310 --> 0:32:24.190

Pfordte, Byron

250 does seem a bit high for just a natural gas customer for me, but I don't. Shannon, do you have any idea like the average benefit?

0:32:25.50 --> 0:32:26.390

Pfordte, Byron

That we provide.

0:32:28.950 --> 0:32:30.620

Steed, Shannon

No, not off the top of my head.

0:32:31.310 --> 0:32:32.460

Steed, Shannon

I can let.

0:32:31.680 --> 0:32:34.20

Pfordte, Byron

So I don't throwing a lot of curve balls at you right now, yeah.

0:32:34.190 --> 0:32:37.230

Steed, Shannon

That's OK, that's alright. Keeps me on my toes.

0:32:37.620 --> 0:32:42.120

Steed, Shannon

Umm, let me see if I can find something. Wanna give me just a minute.

0:32:42.640 --> 0:32:44.690

Pfordte, Byron

OK. Yeah. I think if we can.

0:32:46.330 --> 0:32:46.940

Mickelson, Christopher

So.

0:32:46.150 --> 0:32:51.500

Pfordte, Byron

Find a compromise between the average benefit, maybe in an average bill that might be good.

0:32:52.720 --> 0:32:52.980

Mickelson, Christopher

Would.

0:32:52.240 --> 0:32:58.130

Misty

II have a question. This is misty from Skagit. Back when we originally started with.

0:32:58.810 --> 0:33:1.540

Misty

I believe we had a minimum benefit.

0:33:2.190 --> 0:33:5.330

Misty

And if I'm correct, I believe it was \$75.

0:33:8.780 --> 0:33:11.430

Mickelson, Christopher

Have 75 is what we pay the agencies.

0:33:11.700 --> 0:33:28.60

Misty

Yes. And I believe when we originally started we way back when it originally started, there was a minimum benefit and they they made that decision that they didn't want the minimum to be less than what agencies were paid to complete the file.

0:33:33.510 --> 0:33:35.170

Misty

Because because.

0:33:36.530 --> 0:33:37.0

Misty

Yeah.

0:33:37.680 --> 0:33:38.460

Misty

Because some.

0:33:33.540 --> 0:33:39.730

Mickelson, Christopher

Unfortunately, I can't speak to that. I wasn't here at that time without going back and look at tariffs.

0:33:40.120 --> 0:33:44.180

Misty

Some of the benefits that we're giving out are like.

0:33:44.860 --> 0:33:46.440

Misty

\$18.00 benefits.

0:33:50.780 --> 0:33:58.870

Misty

Or even less than that. And and I think I've and Marie was here when I when we started. That too, but.

0:34:0.160 --> 0:34:11.640

Misty

It might have been \$100. It might have been a 5th 75 to \$100 minimum benefit. I just, I don't remember the exact minimum, but I do remember at one point in time we did have a minimum benefit.

0:34:18.630 --> 0:34:21.120

Lorena Shah

I can look that up really quick. I have a way.

0:34:15.290 --> 0:34:21.880

Steed, Shannon

You know, Misty, I'm trying to think back and I just. It's ringing a bell, but I just didn't recall because it was so long ago.

0:34:22.790 --> 0:34:23.420

Misty

Yeah.

0:34:23.400 --> 0:34:23.630

Lorena Shah

Like.

0:34:23.30 --> 0:34:26.520

Marie Stangeland

Yeah, this is Maria. And I think it was \$100, but.

0:34:27.600 --> 0:34:33.350

Marie Stangeland

And we always had a minimum up until just the last this last year, I think or the year before.

0:34:34.770 --> 0:34:53.810

Steed, Shannon

No, like once the calculator came in, the minimums went away because it was the calculator's job to determine what the minimum, you know, what the specific grant amount is. And so that takes away minimums. But it, you know, the maximum 500 is cap is still there, right? Because that's the most someone could get with WEAF at the time.

0:34:54.370 --> 0:34:57.550

Steed, Shannon

Umm, so the calculator took care of the minimums.

0:35:0.70 --> 0:35:7.840

Steed, Shannon

I can't. I did find that for the last program, you're the average we've pledge was \$377.00.

0:35:12.380 --> 0:35:18.80

Pfordte, Byron

Yeah, I would suggest. I mean, with inflation rates everything, I mean, it wouldn't be out of.

0:35:19.440 --> 0:35:19.890

Pfordte, Byron

Umm.

0:35:21.280 --> 0:35:26.150

Pfordte, Byron

The the scope of of benefits to maybe make that minimum around 200.

0:35:28.770 --> 0:35:30.470

Pfordte, Byron

Maybe one 5200.

0:35:28.940 --> 0:35:33.50

Mickelson, Christopher

II was gonna say 20% of what our Max is.

0:35:34.960 --> 0:35:38.500

Mickelson, Christopher

I could probably build that in fairly easy if people are OK with that.

0:35:43.380 --> 0:35:44.930

Pfordte, Byron

The Max is 500, correct.

0:35:45.870 --> 0:35:47.560

Mickelson, Christopher

It will be 625.

0:35:48.940 --> 0:35:49.740

Mickelson, Christopher

So I think.

0:35:49.150 --> 0:35:50.980

Yochi Zakai

So that would be 125.

0:35:49.50 --> 0:35:51.20

Pfordte, Byron

Yeah, that's right. With the with the 25%.

0:35:51.400 --> 0:35:52.40

Mickelson, Christopher

Exactly.

0:35:54.980 --> 0:36:4.570

Yochi Zakai

Yeah. So how do we feel? So 100 or 125 or the two numbers that have been thrown out? Does that seem like the right range to everyone?

0:36:5.770 --> 0:36:9.780

Pfordte, Byron

I think the upper bounds of that, the 1:25, yeah, the 20% would be good.

0:36:10.590 --> 0:36:21.650

Hockett, Constance

I think the 1:25 would be good. I think. I mean, we have a minimum, but because of like been all that. But yeah, I think 125 would be great.

0:36:30.400 --> 0:36:31.560

Lorena Shah

Opportunity council.

0:36:30.170 --> 0:36:32.80

Mickelson, Christopher

Public counsel staff.

0:36:33.670 --> 0:36:36.60

Lorena Shah

Because they opportunity Council supports 125.

0:36:37.390 --> 0:36:44.850

Pfordte, Byron

And I'm asking this going just because I don't know. But you know, if it creates a credit on their account, does that interfere with any other assistance?

0:36:47.470 --> 0:36:48.990

Pfordte, Byron

That they could potentially receive.

0:36:55.280 --> 0:36:55.580

Pfordte, Byron

No.

0:36:57.340 --> 0:36:59.70

Steed, Shannon

Well, it depends on how well.

0:37:0.30 --> 0:37:2.220

Steed, Shannon

We have that \$300.00 credit limit.

0:37:3.420 --> 0:37:6.650

Steed, Shannon

And spent EA, that's been received in prior program years.

0:37:7.590 --> 0:37:8.140

Steed, Shannon

Umm.

0:37:8.650 --> 0:37:10.380

Misty

But that only affects WEAF, right?

0:37:11.30 --> 0:37:17.840

Steed, Shannon

That only affects WEAF. It does not affect anything like like the LIHEAP programs or or anything like that.

0:37:19.130 --> 0:37:19.460

Pfordte, Byron

OK.

0:37:24.630 --> 0:37:35.650

Mickelson, Christopher

So that brings me to 1 aspect of this Hern 25 minimum. It sounds like we've got consensus, so though I don't think I heard from public counsel or staff.

0:37:38.530 --> 0:37:38.830

Corey Dahl (PCU-he/him) (Guest)

And.

0:37:36.710 --> 0:37:41.260

Mickelson, Christopher

Uh, would that override the \$300?

0:37:42.550 --> 0:37:46.740

Mickelson, Christopher

Credit threshold that can't be created on an account related to WEAF.

0:37:50.830 --> 0:37:54.210

Steed, Shannon

I don't think so, because that threshold is to do with prior program years.

0:38:2.790 --> 0:38:6.480

Mickelson, Christopher

Gotcha. Yeah. Yep. Yep. Yep. Yeah, so.

0:37:55.40 --> 0:38:6.500

Steed, Shannon

I mean a pledge, a pledge amount is a pledge amount, whether it's a minimum of 125 or, you know, like the \$18.00 that someone mentioned. The calculators will generate today. So I don't think that it would.

0:38:11.60 --> 0:38:14.740

Sellards, Andrew (UTC)

Yeah, there. And he's all item staff. I don't have an issue with the 1:25 amount.

0:38:18.500 --> 0:38:22.150

Charlee Thompson

This is Charlie from Enwik uh. We support the proposed 125 minimum.

0:38:25.10 --> 0:38:30.780

Corey Dahl (PCU-he/him) (Guest)

That makes sense to public counsel. Sorry I didn't try been earlier. I'm trying to multitask and unsuccessfully.

0:38:37.500 --> 0:38:41.750

Mickelson, Christopher

Alright, thank you. I will get that also worked into.

0:38:42.660 --> 0:38:46.720

Mickelson, Christopher

The tariff revisions and build that into the calculator.

0:38:49.720 --> 0:38:50.990

Pfordte, Byron

Look at that progress.

0:38:52.20 --> 0:38:52.520

Pfordte, Byron

Yay.

0:39:0.50 --> 0:39:0.590

Pfordte, Byron

OK.

0:39:7.910 --> 0:39:8.550

Pfordte, Byron

Yeah.

0:39:0.180 --> 0:39:11.530

Mickelson, Christopher

Byron, I think you're still showing your screen, but we no longer see the tears, which I think was the topic you want to see. If people wanna set for the next meeting.

0:39:13.140 --> 0:39:17.680

Pfordte, Byron

Yeah, I got tired of staring at it. So I I hit it for a bit. There we go.

0:39:22.230 --> 0:39:25.360

Pfordte, Byron

So Chris was kind enough to.

0:39:26.690 --> 0:39:30.450

Pfordte, Byron

Put in a again, I think it's in chat here for everybody to see.

0:39:31.570 --> 0:39:33.740

Pfordte, Byron

The proposed tier levels.

0:39:34.980 --> 0:39:36.530

Pfordte, Byron

The original proposal which?

0:39:37.930 --> 0:39:40.320

Pfordte, Byron

I think we can disregard.

0:39:41.560 --> 0:39:44.710

Pfordte, Byron

And and focus on these tier levels here.

0:39:47.50 --> 0:39:50.670

Pfordte, Byron

And these would change correct Chris with.

0:39:51.700 --> 0:39:56.990

Pfordte, Byron

SMI going away and and AMI replacing it, is that correct?

0:39:57.340 --> 0:39:58.530

Mickelson, Christopher

Yeah, sorry.

0:39:59.10 --> 0:39:59.290

Pfordte, Byron

Yeah.

0:40:7.30 --> 0:40:7.890

Pfordte, Byron

No, that's fine.

0:39:59.710 --> 0:40:8.350

Mickelson, Christopher

And I think that's what I meant to do on my second one through 5 tiers of, but I was going too quick. Yes, that's supposed to be AMI.

0:40:9.90 --> 0:40:9.450

Pfordte, Byron

OK.

0:40:13.160 --> 0:40:13.800

Pfordte, Byron

Any.

0:40:14.670 --> 0:40:16.200

Pfordte, Byron

Questions or comments?

0:40:20.440 --> 0:40:20.950

Yochi Zakai

I guess.

0:40:20.200 --> 0:40:22.210

Pfordte, Byron

About the YOUR levels presented here.

0:40:22.880 --> 0:40:48.540

Yochi Zakai

Yeah, I think like one of the threshold decisions that I think we should think about is you know the you know the the benefit curve, right, how we're gonna set the tier levels and I guess I'm curious, you know what folks think about using, you know a fixed amount like?

0:40:49.920 --> 0:41:8.490

Yochi Zakai

FPL or what we're gonna be doing in the interim here for this we've program year is kind of using the median county AMI versus having a different benefit curve for each county.

0:41:10.990 --> 0:41:22.750

Yochi Zakai

You know I and and I guess I'm curious to think about the benefits and drawbacks of having an independent, you know, having a separate benefit curve for for each county and not.

0:41:24.220 --> 0:41:51.60

Mickelson, Christopher

So I I would personally like to get away from the benefit curve if possible so we don't have to kind of have these 1617 different benefit curves for all the different counties and FPL it may be better just to go to a set percentage amount like for example, if you're zero to 15% AMI, you get 100% or 95% or whatever that amount is we just.

0:41:51.920 --> 0:41:52.420 Mickelson, Christopher Create.

0:41:53.300 --> 0:42:13.900

Mickelson, Christopher

A percentage threshold. This is how much you get. You know you get 95% error G rate discount or you get 100% arrears forgiveness for tier one and so on and so forth. Instead of trying to figure out a benefit curve for each of the counties, because then that zero to 15 AMI.

0:42:14.650 --> 0:42:15.480 Mickelson, Christopher Applies.

0:42:16.350 --> 0:42:18.520 Mickelson, Christopher To all the counties, regardless how.

0:42:19.960 --> 0:42:27.320

Mickelson, Christopher

You fall. So then it's really your income against your your particular counties AMI.

0:42:28.250 --> 0:42:29.180 Mickelson, Christopher If that makes sense.

0:42:33.950 --> 0:42:34.190 Mickelson, Christopher Sure.

0:42:30.530 --> 0:42:35.600 DeBell, Michelle (COM)

It does, but I'd like to say something from the Department of Commerce.

0:42:36.600 --> 0:42:38.120 DeBell, Michelle (COM) And this group can.

0:42:39.40 --> 0:42:49.790

DeBell, Michelle (COM)

Set up the calculation as they feel is best. LIHEAP will not move away in the foreseeable future from federal poverty. Double.

0:42:50.750 --> 0:42:53.60

DeBell, Michelle (COM)

I just want everybody to be aware of that.

0:42:54.330 --> 0:42:59.880

DeBell, Michelle (COM)

OK, so you may be comparing apples to bananas here, which still fruit.

0:43:1.110 --> 0:43:11.240

DeBell, Michelle (COM)

But in the future, if you decide to mix those modes, even though this is a private group, it can cause some questions. It's OK. I just want people to know what's going on.

0:43:14.680 --> 0:43:15.960

DeBell, Michelle (COM)

And I hope that makes sense.

0:43:20.750 --> 0:43:21.240

DeBell, Michelle (COM)

OK.

0:43:23.380 --> 0:43:23.810

DeBell, Michelle (COM)

All right.

0:43:27.10 --> 0:43:27.670

DeBell, Michelle (COM)

OK.

0:43:17.740 --> 0:43:30.210

Yochi Zakai

Yeah, I think we we we acknowledge that there could be different benefit curves and benefit amounts between the different programs. I think that is an acceptable variation.

0:43:31.90 --> 0:43:31.950

DeBell, Michelle (COM)

Okie doke.

0:43:33.30 --> 0:43:33.410

DeBell, Michelle (COM)

Thank you.

0:43:42.700 --> 0:43:43.140

Yochi Zakai

Umm.

0:43:43.910 --> 0:44:11.300

Yochi Zakai

I guess I'm. I'm particularly curious to hear from, you know, the agencies, you know to, you know,

curious, you know, do you think that, you know, having a benefit curve for each individual county in the in the build discount rate is something that you know might be beneficial? Do we need more time to think about this, which is also an OK question or an OK response or you know is using?

0:44:11.380 --> 0:44:17.820

Yochi Zakai

Ohm, you know a single benefit curve statewide, something that's probably OK.

0:44:39.320 --> 0:44:42.200

Pfordte, Byron

I'll just reiterate what Yochi said there. You know there's.

0:44:43.180 --> 0:44:46.730

Pfordte, Byron

You know if if there is a need for more time to.

0:44:48.150 --> 0:44:52.940

Pfordte, Byron

Think about this. You know, that's perfectly we want to get this right, obviously and.

0:44:54.100 --> 0:45:2.90

Pfordte, Byron

You know, keeping in mind the financial situation with inflation and rates and things like that.

0:45:2.930 --> 0:45:7.80

Pfordte, Byron

You know, we want to make sure that whatever we implement for our.

0:45:7.940 --> 0:45:21.820

Pfordte, Byron

2023 in October is going to meet the needs you know, as as, as best as we can foresee the the financial state of a lot of our customers being and then and so that I mean.

0:45:22.750 --> 0:45:24.940

Pfordte, Byron

Keeping that in mind, you know we're going to have to.

0:45:25.800 --> 0:45:32.690

Pfordte, Byron

Kind of consult a crystal ball here a little bit, I think, and make sure that that what we set up is is.

0:45:33.800 --> 0:45:34.530

Pfordte, Byron

Is going to meet.

0:45:35.700 --> 0:45:36.550

Pfordte, Byron

Potentially.

0:45:38.140 --> 0:45:42.610

Pfordte, Byron

The the financial situation of our customers at that you know a year from now or two years from now even.

0:45:43.770 --> 0:45:44.840

Pfordte, Byron

Which makes it a little bit.

0:45:46.400 --> 0:45:48.490

Pfordte, Byron

Of of a more difficult task.

0:45:50.260 --> 0:45:50.590

Pfordte, Byron

To.

0:45:51.770 --> 0:45:56.470

Pfordte, Byron

Design a program not knowing exactly where our customers are going to be. You know a year and a half.

0:45:57.210 --> 0:45:57.680

Pfordte, Byron

From now.

0:46:2.500 --> 0:46:4.80

Pfordte, Byron

So do we want to kind of?

0:46:5.100 --> 0:46:23.810

Pfordte, Byron

Think about this for a little bit. The proposed tier levels, as I said, are in the chat, so you can consult those whenever you need. And I think we've we've had them. I think it was in our last PowerPoint presentation we presented and and again keep in mind that the SMI should be AMI in this table here, but.

0:46:26.30 --> 0:46:27.690

Pfordte, Byron

Do we want to payable this?

0:46:28.380 --> 0:46:29.920

Pfordte, Byron

For, for, for now.

0:46:32.30 --> 0:46:33.250

Pfordte, Byron

Or any questions about it?

0:46:35.320 --> 0:46:46.670

Lorena Shah

I think what might be helpful least it would be for me is to run both scenarios with some just to kind of see it a little bit differently. Like if somebody.

0:46:48.710 --> 0:46:52.60

Lorena Shah

Just trying to think, just think through here. One of my asking for.

0:46:54.120 --> 0:47:7.690

Lorena Shah

The question is whether we anchor the tiers based on the median income of the median income county, or if it's individualized for each county.

0:47:9.370 --> 0:47:10.320

Lorena Shah

I think I'm.

0:47:12.470 --> 0:47:13.460

Lorena Shah

Don't please.

0:47:9.600 --> 0:47:16.690

Yochi Zakai

Yeah. And I think the other sorry to cut you off, Lorena. The other the IT could be or or it could just be based on FPL.

0:47:18.330 --> 0:47:23.480

Lorena Shah

Or just based on FPL until we hit that that 200%, then we flow up to.

0:47:24.450 --> 0:47:24.900

Lorena Shah

80.

0:47:25.790 --> 0:47:29.310

Lorena Shah

Personally, I like that I think for simplicity sake.

0:47:33.370 --> 0:47:33.970

Yochi Zakai

Yes.

0:47:31.170 --> 0:47:36.560

Lorena Shah

I don't think that's what I would prefer, where we're only really dealing with AMI at the very top tier.

0:47:37.260 --> 0:47:50.650

Yochi Zakai

Yeah. So the way the way Avista did it is they had their tears based on Ohdc FPL only and then the only difference was what the top threshold was. So the.

0:47:50.800 --> 0:48:6.510

Yochi Zakai

That I should be able to find it on my desk somewhere. What the what? The top of this. The tier was, but basically, you know, it was an FPL amount as like the lower bounds of the top tier and then the higher bounds of the program was.

0:48:6.790 --> 0:48:23.280

Yochi Zakai

You know what? Whatever the highest eligibility level was, but they didn't bother to put together a, you know, a benefit curve for that vary by county. It was just uniform for the whole service area based on based on FPL.

0:48:24.690 --> 0:48:24.870

Lorena Shah

Yeah.

0:48:24.430 --> 0:48:31.30

Pfordte, Byron

So just the top tier would take the highest benefit of FPL or AMI or it just automatically went to AMI?

0:48:34.490 --> 0:48:38.620

Yochi Zakai

Let me let let me see if I can find it and share it to explain.

0:48:37.390 --> 0:48:39.420

Charlee Thompson

I have it. I have it pulled up.

0:48:39.960 --> 0:48:40.590

Yochi Zakai

You do.

0:48:40.240 --> 0:48:49.990

Charlee Thompson

Umm yeah. And I can share a screen shot. They have their top tiers 151 FPL to the greater of 200% FPL or 80% AMI.

0:48:52.520 --> 0:48:53.670

Charlee Thompson

And I think that was also.

0:48:55.390 --> 0:49:2.880

Charlee Thompson

Talking with others at end like we we, I think we liked that that method of keeping with FPL until that hitting that top tier.

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Charlee Thompson

But open for more discussion.

0:49:6.180 --> 0:49:7.560

Yochi Zakai

And do you know the?

0:49:6.680 --> 0:49:12.910

Mickelson, Christopher

Alright, so so. Ohh sorry. Didn't mean to cut off so tier one through 4 on the proposal that.

0:49:14.360 --> 0:49:15.550

Mickelson, Christopher

Prime was shown earlier.

0:49:16.270 --> 0:49:18.380

Mickelson, Christopher

Our Byron was showing earlier. Uh.

0:49:19.120 --> 0:49:41.40

Mickelson, Christopher

That's all FPL and then Tier 5 would be the 151 up to 200% and really in essence it's gonna be 61 to 80% AMI. Although it sounds like Vista just says up to 80% AMI in all likelihood that's really kind of the percent range that those customers would fall into.

0:49:43.150 --> 0:49:43.700

Mickelson, Christopher

OK.

0:49:47.370 --> 0:50:13.860

Yochi Zakai

I just found it and put it in the chat, so this this first tier is 0 to 5% and then they give a 94% bill discount and then 6 to 50% FPL. You would get a 75% discount and so on. And then that top tier is 151 to either 200% FPL or 80% AMI and then they give the the 15% discount there.

0:50:15.610 --> 0:50:22.800

Mickelson, Christopher

Alright, so they did kind of go with what I was proposing. Where you do a anchored percentage for the tier, OK.

0:50:27.860 --> 0:50:38.700

Yochi Zakai

And one thing that I I really like about the design that Avista have again is that you know, obviously they're really high discount for the you know, really, really low income folks.

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Mickelson, Christopher

Which we also had as per of our initial proposal, so.

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Pfordte, Byron

Umm.

0:51:0.330 --> 0:51:13.660

Mickelson, Christopher

Alright, well I I would say everybody continue to think about it and think about what those tier breaks should be. It looks like a Vista and cascade are pretty much the same on tiers.

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Mickelson, Christopher

Three form 5.

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Mickelson, Christopher

It's really tier one and two where that break should be and then.

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Mickelson, Christopher

Even think about what those discounts might be, which.

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Mickelson, Christopher

That may change as we start to, you know, kind of.

0:51:32.410 --> 0:51:38.330

Mickelson, Christopher

Create something to show you know what would what would the program cost be as we.

0:51:39.70 --> 0:51:45.170

Mickelson, Christopher

Do this kind of structure and that may also start to change people's minds too. So.

0:51:58.240 --> 0:51:58.730

Pfordte, Byron

Umm.

0:52:1.390 --> 0:52:2.380

Pfordte, Byron

Moving on.

0:52:4.310 --> 0:52:5.60

Pfordte, Byron

Be.

0:52:10.30 --> 0:52:14.840

Pfordte, Byron

The next kind of the next topic within the the program design is structure.

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Pfordte, Byron

There's a pretty indepth covers, quite a bit, and that's, you know, the joint administration between the utilities and and the OR between cascade and and the agencies and.

0:52:26.440 --> 0:52:28.660

Pfordte, Byron

Umm and that's you know.

0:52:29.670 --> 0:52:34.370

Pfordte, Byron

I think top of mind with that is just making sure that customers who enroll in the energy discount program are also.

0:52:35.280 --> 0:52:36.490

Pfordte, Byron

Being presented with.

0:52:37.800 --> 0:52:39.250

Pfordte, Byron

Other services that.

0:52:40.610 --> 0:52:45.940

Pfordte, Byron

They potentially have or would qualify for and.

0:52:50.750 --> 0:52:51.650

Pfordte, Byron

Yeah, we've.

0:52:52.780 --> 0:52:56.990

Pfordte, Byron

Shared that our our customer service representatives and and.

0:52:58.150 --> 0:52:59.600

Pfordte, Byron

I would say all of.

0:53:1.680 --> 0:53:6.270

Pfordte, Byron

Most to all, if not all of our uh energy assistance or bill assistance.

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Pfordte, Byron

Outreach includes information.

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Pfordte, Byron

Uh for customers to contact agencies for LIHEAP and and other services, and so I beyond that.

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Pfordte, Byron

I'm I'm open to any suggestions or ideas for kind of how to cross promote programs and get customers.

0:53:33.900 --> 0:53:38.30

Pfordte, Byron

Enrolled and exposed to the programs we offer while also.

0:53:39.210 --> 0:53:44.240

Pfordte, Byron

Making sure they're they're getting all of the assistance they can through the agencies as well.

0:53:57.280 --> 0:54:29.390

Yochi Zakai

Yeah. Thanks, Byron. So I have to say, you know, I think that it's gonna take a lot of thought and effort and I don't think in 15 minutes or half an hour we should try to crack this nut completely because it's a, it's a big, it's a big question that, that, that you've brought up. But one of the things that I have been thinking about that I wanted to put out there is that I think that as we move to the build discount rate.

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Yochi Zakai

That we should be tracking the number of customers that are enrolled by the utility and that we are successfully able to hand off to the agencies and are able to complete, you know, intake at the agencies for evaluation and enrollment in the other programs and services that are offered by the agencies like.

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Yochi Zakai

Liheap and weatherization and rental assistance and childcare assistance and all the other things that you know that that the agencies do, and so you know, I think figuring out a plan to do that is important, and I don't have a fully baked proposal there. But the proposal that I do have that I have, I'm pretty sure I'd like to propose as a good idea would just be.

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Yochi Zakai

To track the number of customers so that we all acknowledge that that's a goal that we have for the program and we can measure our progress towards meeting that goal.

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Pfordte, Byron

We're saying not not providing on a regular basis the exact customer information, but just the quantity so that that could measured against what the agencies are enrolling because that is what you're proposing.

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Yochi Zakai

So I think the referral process itself will have to include individual customer information, yeah, because you're going to say, hey, these people have self attested that you know they are low income and you

know the utility is enrolled them in the build discount rate and that would then give the agency the opportunity to follow up with them to say hey, you know we know.

0:56:29.180 --> 0:56:39.960

Yochi Zakai

You know, they you believe your income qualified and therefore you know, you're probably eligible for, you know, this other suite of programs that we have to offer that could really help you out.

0:56:40.630 --> 0:56:42.540

Pfordte, Byron

Would that equate to?

0:56:42.610 --> 0:56:47.990

Pfordte, Byron

You ohdc eventually a 100% audit then of who we enroll.

0:56:49.430 --> 0:56:50.580

Pfordte, Byron

Since we're providing.

0:56:51.720 --> 0:57:20.670

Yochi Zakai

I don't, I don't think so, because we can't guarantee that those customers will actually, again, when I'm proposing to track is the number of customers that actually make it in the door, right, just because you're providing contact information and perhaps more to the agency doesn't mean that the customers actually gonna, you know, pick up the phone or end up in an intake appointment.

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Pfordte, Byron

So just I'm just thinking out loud. If if one of those customers outside of the formal audit process is found to not have qualified for any services including our energy discount program at that point.

0:57:41.670 --> 0:57:44.840

Pfordte, Byron

What? Uh, what would be the process, would we?

0:57:46.810 --> 0:57:52.820

Pfordte, Byron

Would we just, I mean it could. It is supposed to be a random audit at that point. So I don't know.

0:57:54.300 --> 0:57:56.70

Yochi Zakai

Yeah. So I think if.

0:57:54.630 --> 0:57:56.770

Pfordte, Byron

Would we have to disqualify the customer at that point?

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Yochi Zakai

Yeah. So if customer is enrolled by the utility via self attestation in the bill discount rate, and then at a later time through the CAA process, you know the agency you know verifies their income to be, let's say, in a different tier, I think, you know at that point we would wanna adjust them and put them in the correct tier based on their verified income. But I don't think we would want to.

0:58:43.660 --> 0:58:44.40 Pfordte, Byron Yeah.

0:58:28.750 --> 0:58:45.630

Yochi Zakai

And perhaps if they don't income qualify at all, then they would be unenrolled from you know, the program. But I don't think that we would wanna go back and take away any benefits that were provided up until that time.

0:58:49.780 --> 0:58:50.270 Pfordte, Byron Yeah, that's.

0:58:52.430 --> 0:58:53.380

Pfordte, Byron Yeah, that's.

0:58:49.500 --> 0:58:55.140

Yochi Zakai

At least that's the way I've been thinking about it. So you know, other people have different ideas. Open to hear it.

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Pfordte, Byron

Definitely something to.

0:58:59.460 --> 0:59:0.230

Pfordte, Byron

Consider.

0:59:7.190 --> 0:59:8.210

Pfordte, Byron

Underground apartment.

0:59:2.50 --> 0:59:17.760

Yochi Zakai

And you know, it could work in in the customers favor also right. Perhaps their self attested income doesn't include all of these deductions that you know when they go through it with the CAA, they're like, oh, well, you shouldn't count.

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Yochi Zakai

You know this income for for a certain reason or you missed, you know, someone who was staying with you that should have been a member of your household or something like that. You know that that changes, that changes their income.

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Yochi Zakai

In in a way that they might be eligible for, you know, a a discount tier that gets them a higher benefit.

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Pfordte, Byron

Yeah. And I'm not looking when I when I present these topics, I'm not looking for any of these to be resolved in in 30 minutes, but definitely want at least to get the thought process going. And so this is good, yeah.

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Pfordte, Byron

Any other comments or suggestions, ideas around?

1:0:8.840 --> 1:0:11.50

Pfordte, Byron

I guess sharing customer information around these programs.

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Pfordte, Byron

If not, I would like I said I would encourage you to at least think about it, because obviously we want these customers to be able to utilize all the funds available to them and and it's important that whatever communication we can provide, however, we can provide it is going to be key in and getting them to each of these programs so.

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Pfordte, Byron

Please do have have that you know in the back of your mind as you're thinking about these this program design.

1:0:51.570 --> 1:0:52.160

Pfordte, Byron

Umm.

1:0:54.850 --> 1:1:20.260

Pfordte, Byron

And I will say, uh, this kind of is a little bit off topic, but we so we currently have the energy discount program in Oregon and and have a online form for customers to initiate the process and we collect some information. I am working with. There are security concerns with collecting that information on us on our static websites and so.

1:1:20.640 --> 1:1:21.200

Pfordte, Byron

Umm.

1:1:22.160 --> 1:1:26.110

Pfordte, Byron

Just for your information, I am working so to get.

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Pfordte, Byron

Security in place so that we can collect.

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Pfordte, Byron

Pretty much any information we would need from the customer to qualify them through an online application and so it would be my hope is that that would be well in place before October 1st of of 2023. So I think that would.

1:1:52.970 --> 1:2:3.990

Pfordte, Byron

Help help streamline the process and and and with that form we can collect you know demographic information which was one of the topics that.

1:2:5.260 --> 1:2:16.700

Pfordte, Byron

Was brought up earlier about providing that and sharing that information between the utility and the CAA. So if we can, if we can get that process ironed out or when we do, we will get it ironed out.

1:2:18.20 --> 1:2:24.670

Pfordte, Byron

We will be able to collect that information and store it and at least temporarily, and share it. So just an update on that.

1:2:25.310 --> 1:2:25.980

Pfordte, Byron

Uh.

1:2:28.20 --> 1:2:30.10

Pfordte, Byron

Which time do we have left here? About 25 minutes.

1:2:31.630 --> 1:2:56.520

Yochi Zakai

Yeah, I don't. I I would say I don't think that we necessarily need to try to fill up the whole time if we don't have stuff. I'm, I'm, I'm I personally would be OK ending a little bit early. So yeah, I'll leave it up to you though, if there's anything else you think was worth calling out for further discussion now certainly open to having a little bit more discussion as well.

1:2:57.80 --> 1:3:9.520

Pfordte, Byron

Yeah. No, I can certainly use another twenty 1520 minutes back of my day, that's for sure. There's a lot of lot of fires going on right now, but I let me just peruse this list, make sure there's anything that.

1:3:9.600 --> 1:3:12.950

Pfordte, Byron

The doesn't need to be addressed at this time.

1:3:15.220 --> 1:3:15.850

Pfordte, Byron

And understand.

1:3:14.780 --> 1:3:43.410

Yochi Zakai

And and while you're doing that I I'm, I'm just going to give a pitch to the other Community Action agencies that are on the call about our small group meetings. So we have established them to be occurring at this time. I believe on the second and third weeks of the month on Wednesday, Wednesday afternoons at this time. And then we're gonna have the large group.

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Yochi Zakai

On the 4th.

1:3:47.540 --> 1:3:48.130

Yochi Zakai

Uh.

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Yochi Zakai

Is that no. So the small group is going to be the 2nd and the 4th week of the month at this time on Wednesday, and then the large advisory group meetings such as this one are gonna be on the third Wednesday of the month at this time. And we're hoping to get one or two more Community Action agencies reps to join the small group meeting to provide your perspective on.

1:4:18.220 --> 1:4:24.890

Yochi Zakai

You know how we should design this bill discount rate program and so tap would certainly encourage.

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Yochi Zakai

Uh, you know anyone who's interested in might have some time to drop in on on somewhere. All of those meetings to join us cuz it would really be great to get some more CAA folks in those discussions where we're really going to dive into a lot of these details. And then I think these larger meetings are kind of intended to be more of a report back about how those discussions are going.

1:4:52.390 --> 1:5:7.880

Lorena Shah

Currently it's just me wrapping you all along with the energy projects so, and if you're not able to make the commitment, just feel free to e-mail me, e-mail Yoki at any time with questions or thoughts you have about it, so you're part of that.

1:5:11.860 --> 1:5:20.450

Pfordte, Byron

I don't have anything else. I I do want to open it though to Shannon and Chris to see if they have anything else before we adjourn for the day.

1:5:21.430 --> 1:5:22.320

Pfordte, Byron

Jenn and Chris.

1:5:21.650 --> 1:5:41.320

Yochi Zakai

And I just say, yeah, thanks. But before you run off to that next topic and see what they have, I would just say if none of the other CPA's decide to step up, then I'm gonna have to start calling people because Lorena, Lorena, needs some more support. So we really need one or two more people to join us. So if no one steps up, expect a phone call from me soon.

1:5:50.530 --> 1:5:51.370

Pfordte, Byron

There's for sure.

1:5:50.140 --> 1:5:52.890

Mickelson, Christopher

Yes, we would love to hear from all our agencies, so.

1:5:53.790 --> 1:5:54.600

Mickelson, Christopher

Highly recommended.

1:5:55.780 --> 1:6:8.890

Mickelson, Christopher

No, nothing here. Like I said, just kind of action item for everyone for our next time we meet is think about those tiers and where those thresholds should be and what kind of percentages we should be looking at.

1:6:12.930 --> 1:6:13.790

Steed, Shannon

Nothing else from me.

1:6:16.650 --> 1:6:18.320

Pfordte, Byron

Anything from anyone else?

1:6:24.510 --> 1:6:29.420

Pfordte, Byron

Well, I do want to wish everybody a happy holidays and Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

1:6:30.640 --> 1:6:34.650

Pfordte, Byron

I appreciate you taking your time so close to the holidays and I.

1:6:35.410 --> 1:6:46.660

Pfordte, Byron

I do feel like we made some progress today. I and I appreciate the input. It's extremely valuable and and much appreciated. So thank you. And if there's no other questions or comments, we'll end the meeting for today.

1:6:48.780 --> 1:6:49.250

Pfordte, Byron

Thank you.

1:6:48.310 --> 1:6:49.500

Mickelson, Christopher

Stay warm, everyone.

1:6:50.560 --> 1:6:51.410

Steed, Shannon

Thanks everybody.

1:6:50.840 --> 1:6:51.420

Navarro, Hanna (UTC)

Thanks.

1:6:51.140 --> 1:6:52.700

Hockett, Constance

Thank you. Happy holidays.

1:6:51.120 --> 1:6:54.470

Charlee Thompson

Thanks so much. Bye. Hello. Happy holidays.

1:6:53.550 --> 1:6:54.800

Yochi Zakai

Thanks everyone. Bye.

1:6:53.330 --> 1:6:55.610

Corey Dahl (PCU-he/him) (Guest)

Thanks. Thank you. Thank you all.

1:6:56.340 --> 1:6:56.720

Pfordte, Byron

Thank you.