



**WEAF Advisory Group Meeting
December 21, 2022 2:00 – 3:30pm Pacific**

Welcome and roll call – *Shannon Steed*

Community Action Agencies	Contact
Blue Mountain Action Council	Sylvia Schaefer
Community Action Connections	Dalia Ochoa
Community Action of Lewis, Mason, & Thurston Counties	Dale Lewis, Sandra Koch
Coastal Community Action Program	Debbie Gregg
Chelan-Douglas Community Action Council	Vern Gurnard, Kristi Hills, Alan Walker
Kitsap Community Resources	Kandi Balandran, Julie Barleta
Lower Columbia Community Action Center	Deanna Dahlberg, Kathy Bates
NW Community Action Center	Jose Alvarez
OIC of Washington	Heidi Silva, Casandra Ochoa, Candi Jaeger
Opportunity Council	Marie Stangeland, Lorena Shah
Community Action of Skagit County	Misty Velasquez
Snohomish County Human Services Dept	Constance Hockett, Manu Morgan
WUTC Staff	
Hanna Navarro, Andrew Roberts, Andy Sellards	
The Energy Project	
Ross Quigley, Yochi Zakai	
Public Counsel	
Corey Dahl	
NW Energy Coalition	
Charlee Thompson	
Department of Commerce	
Michelle DeBell	
Cascade Natural Gas	
Mark Chiles, VP of Regulatory Affairs & Customer Service	Lori Blattner, Dir Regulatory Affairs
Dan Tillis, Dir Customer Experience	Chris Mickelson, Mgr Regulatory Affairs
Byron Pfordte, Mgr Customer Experience	Pam Archer, Regulatory Analyst
Shannon Steed, Consumer Specialist	

1. Company update
 - a. November WEAF Report recap – *Shannon Steed*
 - b. WEAF Small Group update - *Dan Tillis*
2. Unresolved items from the November meeting and dedicated discussion of an agreed upon topic
 - a. Arrearage forgiveness grant
 - i. *Dan Tillis* - Modify the WEAF calculator to add 25% to the pledge amount the current calculator generates based on unadjusted energy usage history.

- ii. *Dan Tillis* - Increase past grants/pledges issued to customers from 10/1/22 up to effective date by 25%, Cascade would calculate and issue the grants. Cascade will provide updated credit amounts to each agency so they can update their records.
 - iii. *Chris Mickelson* - Discussion of incorporation of AMI into the calculator
 - iv. *Lori Blattner* - File for current year WEAFF changes to include an increase in the pledge amount and incorporation of AMI
 - 1. Timeline: If consensus is gained, file on 12/22 with goal to have on the Commission Open Meeting agenda on 1/12/23. Cascade will request approval with Less that Statutory Notice with goal to have effective date on or shortly after 1/13/23.
3. Update on new program design focusing on agency impacts - *Dan Tillis*