### Oregon Department of ENERGY

How is the Oregon Energy System Changing?

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### **Energy Then and Now**

~20 years ago ~10 years ago

Oregon passes the nation's first carbon emissions standard for energy facilities

The Toyota Prius is introduced

The "hockey stick" first used to explain the earth's changing temperatures

Enron

Oregon passes the Renewable Portfolio Standard

The Tesla Roadster is introduced

Crude oil trades around \$100/barrel

Residential solar PV costs \$9 per watt (it's less than \$4 today)

Atmospheric carbon dioxide is 386 parts per million

## 2018-2019

Oregon is implementing a more aggressive RPS

Oregon's only coal plant will cease burning coal in 2020

Nearly 19,000 electric vehicles are registered in Oregon

Portland General Electric releases "Exploring Pathways to Deep Decarbonization"

Atmospheric carbon dioxide is 410 parts per million

### **Three Main Themes**

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### We're benefitting from clean energy technology costs going down.

- Costs of renewable and emerging energy technologies have rapidly declined.
- Renewable energy development continues to grow across the state.
- Lower costs support adoption of new technologies.
- Energy use no longer directly tied to economic growth.



### Rapid Decline in Technology Costs

- Renewable energy is cost-competitive with fossil fuel-powered energy.
- Energy efficient technologies are less expensive and more accessible.
- Improvements in battery technology are bringing down the costs of electric vehicles and energy storage options.



#### Cost Reductions in Clean Energy Technologies

Average Cost and Size of Solar PV Projects in the Residential Energy Tax Credit Program





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- Older renewable projects are being amended to take advantage of technology advances.
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### Lower Technology Costs = More Adoption

- As electric vehicle battery prices go down, the batteries and ranges get larger and the number of EVs on Oregon roads goes up.
- The Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council just approved a utility-scale battery storage facility in Morrow/Umatilla Counties.
- New technologies are helping utilities to more efficiently manage the power grid.



#### Cost Parity for Battery Vehicles vs. Internal Combustion Engines





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### We're seeing meaningful results from energy policies implemented in recent years.

- Oregon's leadership on energy policy such as the Renewable Portfolio Standard – has encouraged more and different types of clean energy technologies.
- Our investment in energy efficiency pays and will continue to pay significant dividends.



### **Oregon's Electricity Mix Is Cleaner**

- Oregon utilities are meeting the Renewable Portfolio Standard.
- 741% increase in wind energy consumed in Oregon between 2004 and 2016.
- In 2008, Oregon's energy mix had just 28 MWh of solar; in 2016, it was 266,000 MWh.



2,500,000

PacifiCorp RPS Compliance Resources 2011-2016





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PGE RPS Compliance Resources 2011-2016

### **Diverse Renewable Electricity Generation**

Oregon is seventh in the nation for renewable energy generation:

- 8,865 MW of hydropower capacity
- 3,383 MW of wind capacity
- 331 MW of wood and other biomass capacity
- 296 MW of solar capacity for projects 1 MW or larger
- 51 MW of biogas/renewable natural gas capacity
- 33 MW of geothermal capacity
- 10 MW of energy storage capacity
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Annual Vehicle GHG Emissions in Oregon — Internal Combustion Engine vs. Electric Vehicle



### Oregon is a Leader in Energy Efficiency

- From the passage of the Northwest Power Act in 1980, energy efficiency is Oregon's priority resource.
- At an estimated \$30 per MWh, energy efficiency continues to be a more cost effective resource compared to traditional sources of electricity.
- Regional energy efficiency efforts have reduced carbon emissions by 23.5 million tons.







# We're committed to decarbonizing energy in Oregon.

- The state is ramping up our efforts to address climate change.
- Consumers are choosing cleaner power.
- Oregonians recognize that more action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions is needed.



### Increased Urgency to Address Climate Change

- Oregon is experiencing the effects of climate change.
- About 80 percent of GHG emissions in Oregon come from daily energy use.
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions is a focus not just for the state, but also for utilities, businesses, and tribes.







### Oregonians Are Choosing Cleaner Power

- PGE and PacifiCorp have two of the most successful voluntary green power programs in the country.
- Consumers are increasingly looking to either support green power programs or produce their own renewable energy.
- Businesses commit to purchasing green power as a way to demonstrate their environmental commitments.







### Oregon's Energy Landscape Is Still Changing



