



**House Committee on Energy
and Environment**

**PUC Work Plans Update
Executive Order 20-04**

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Commission Chair
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OPUC – Economic Regulator



Electric

- PGE, PacifiCorp, Idaho Power
- 1,405,946

Natural Gas

- NW Natural, Avista Utilities, Cascade Natural Gas
- 772,512 customers

Telecom

- Traditional landline providers
- About 373 companies
- 822,181 customers

Water

- About 80 small water utilities
- 31,000 customers

EO 20-04 – Climate Action



- Sets new GHG emission reduction goals for Oregon.
- Directs state agencies to identify and prioritize actions to meet goals.
- Specific directives to several state agencies, including the PUC.

EO 20-04 PUC Directives

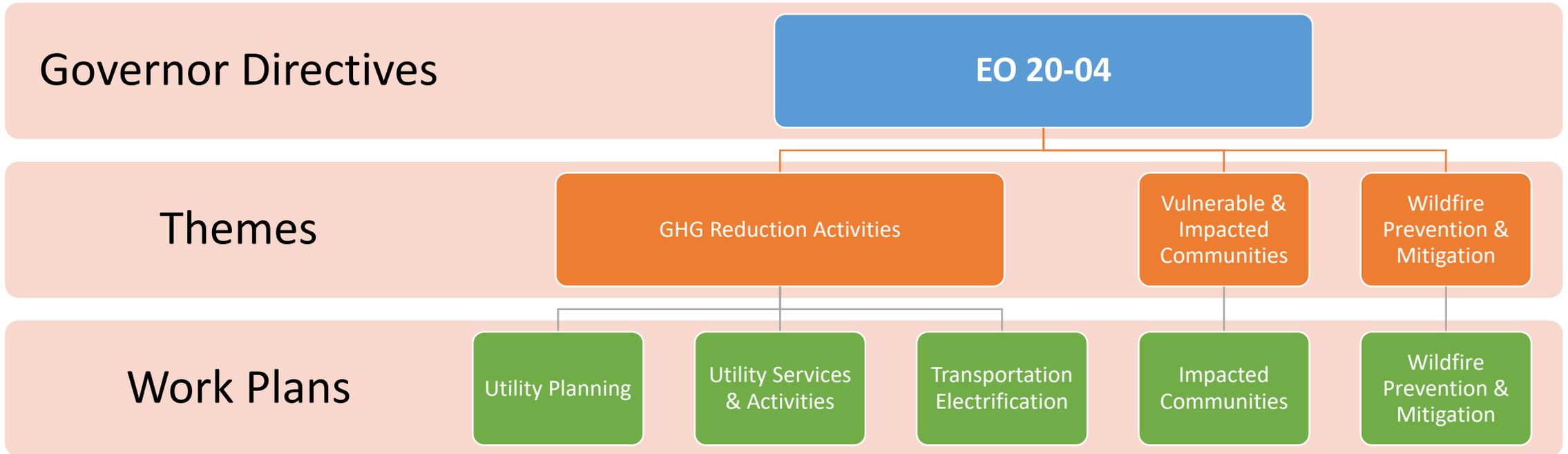


PUC-specific directives cover three themes:

- Reduce utility and state **GHG emissions**.
- Aid vulnerable populations and **impacted communities**.
- Assist utilities in identifying and communicating about utility **wildfire risks and prevention** best practices.

Retains existing Commission decision-making autonomy and legal authority.

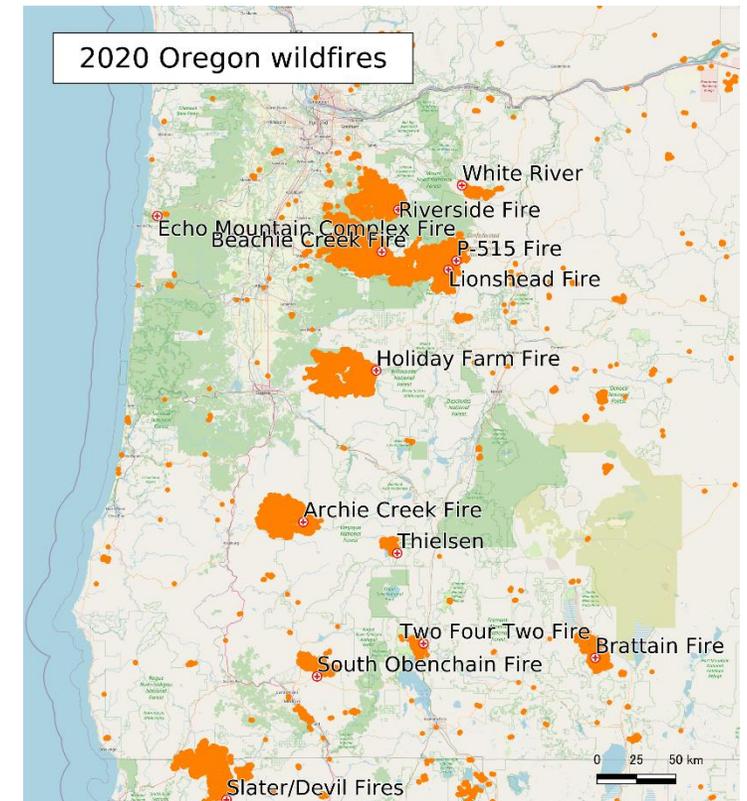
PUC Work Plan Overview



EO Work Plans: Wildfire Prevention & Mitigation



- Developing wildfire mitigation plan rules
 - Beginning with temporary rules on Public Safety Power Shutoff planning and communication, utility incident reports
 - Public hearing May 18 ([agenda available](#))
- Facilitating Oregon Wildfire and Electric Collaborative (OWEC)
 - Completed four workshops on technical wildfire mitigation issues and best practices
 - <https://www.oregon.gov/puc/Pages/EO-20-04-Wildfire-Mitigation-Workshops.aspx>



EO Work Plans: Impacted Communities



- Hired Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Program Director
- Ongoing internal PUC working group on solutions to customer energy burden issues
- Overseeing COVID-19 settlement and related utility programs, including programs to help affected customers catch up on utility bills

Social Equity Lenses and Frameworks, Lowering Energy Stress Successfully (SELFLESS Committee)

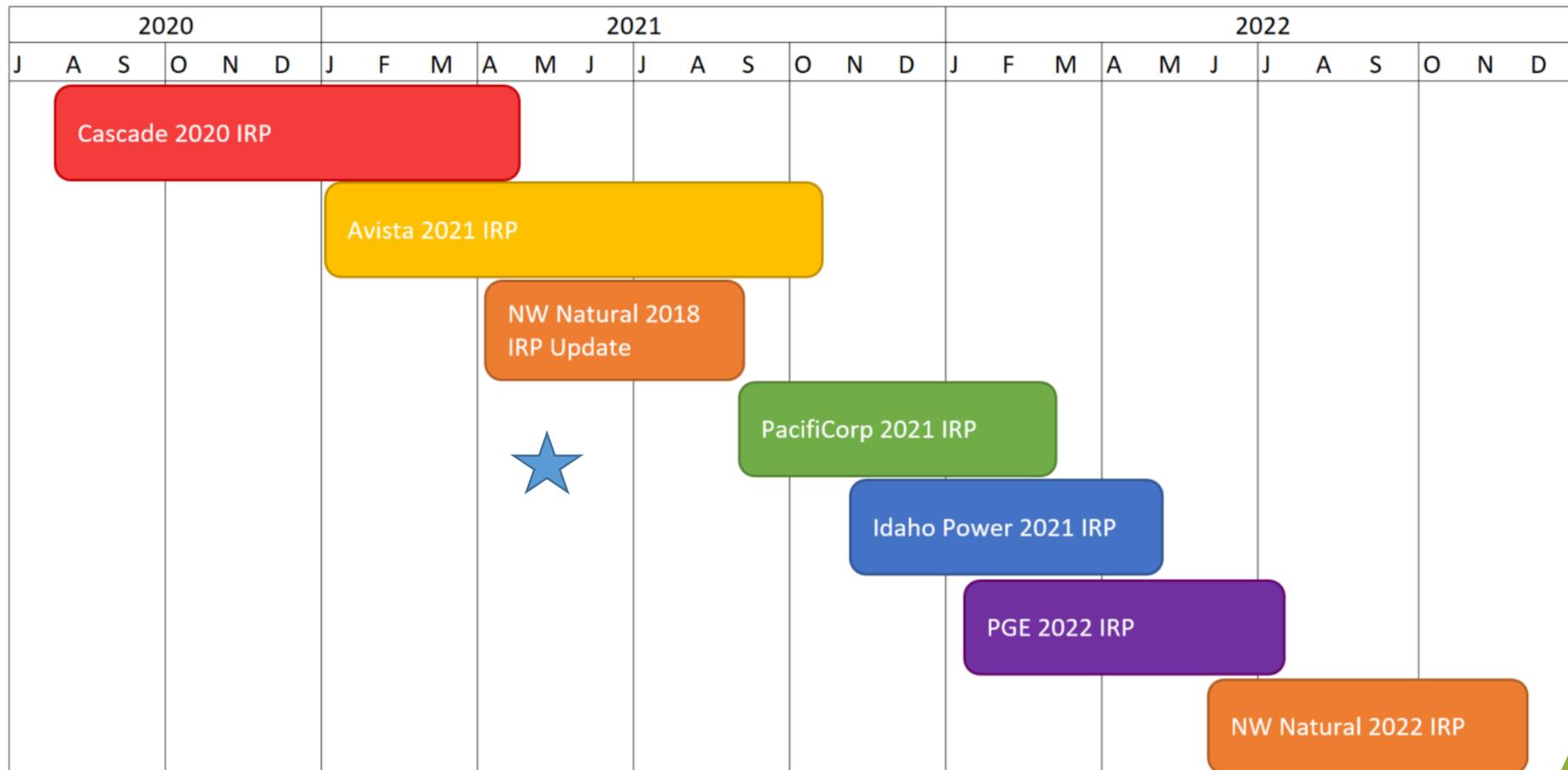
EO Work Plans: Utility Planning



- Regulatory processes surrounding procurement
 - 2020 PacifiCorp RFP for new clean energy to replace coal plants
 - 2021 PGE clean energy RFP
 - NW Natural renewable natural gas (RNG) acquisition under SB 98
- Collaborating with DEQ
 - Cap and Reduce Program
 - Clean Fuels Program
- Scheduling workshops on future of natural gas, updating IRP guidelines, and carbon pricing



EO Work Plans: Utility Planning



EO Work Plans: Transportation Electrification (TE)



- Oversight of utility pilot programs to encourage different types of EV ownership and smart charging behavior
- Implementing workshop series to discuss development of a Transportation Electrification Investment Framework



EO Work Plans: Utility Services & Activities



- Implemented distribution system planning guidelines and timeline
 - Utility plans due October 2021 and August 2022
- First community solar projects began operation in 2021
- Facilitating community 100% green discussions with stakeholders and utilities

Questions?

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