

SB 978 Stakeholder Comments

"The utilities should only do what *only they* can do. Transmission and distribution, the key to reliable service, resiliency and facilitating distributed generation among other innovations, is the only remaining natural monopoly."

- Northwest & Intermountain Power Producers Coalition

"Commission authority can be interpreted or expanded in order to advance public policy goals: social, environmental and economic justice and minimizing environmental harms to society from the electricity sector."

- Northwest Energy Coalition

"SB 978 represents an opportunity for the Commission to reassess the bounds of its statutory authority and adopt new ways of using its existing authority—like implementing performance-based ratemaking."

- Renewable Northwest

"After reviewing the Commission's Summary Memo, it is not at all clear that the Commission is on a path to appropriately respond to the legislature's direction."

- Community Renewable Energy Association

"Technology is transforming the way consumers use energy, and impacting significantly the usefulness of the historical regulatory and financial models. The commission should take a proactive approach to ensuring consumers are afforded meaningful opportunities to participate in an open competitive environment that will provide them real access to the 'prosumer' energy revolution."

- Alliance of Western Energy Consumers

"The Commission is an economic regulator not an environmental regulator. What we really need is for the Legislature to set a cap on carbon, so the Commission can meet that cap on a least cost least risk basis."

- Citizens' Utility Board

"The utility system has a critical role to play in rapidly decarbonizing the electric grid as well as electrifying end uses, especially the transportation sector. As a result, we are very interested in ensuring the SB 978 process enables these dramatic shifts in the state's energy system."

- Climate Solutions

"The Coalition recommends that the Report educate the Legislature about the PURPA and propose administrative and legislative improvements that will re-set an equal balance between the utilities and independent non-utility generation owners and QFs."

- Renewable Energy Coalition

"Utilities are well positioned to effectively and equitably achieve existing and emerging policy goals. Customers are looking for additional options and regulatory enhancements can be explored without upending the system."

- PacifiCorp

"The Commission should acknowledge the considerable benefits of the current system and recommend preservation of the basic regulatory structure. We strongly disagree with the small subset of SB 978 participants that advocate for Oregon to dismantle the protections of regulation and stake its energy and economic future on 'the market' and its singular profit objective."

- PGE

"Idaho Power would like to point out that its small, rural Oregon service territory presents several unique challenges to the adoption of new standards, requirements, measures, and methods that might be developed in response to the SB 978 report."

- Idaho Power

"We recognize that this process is focused on the regulatory construct as it relates to electric utilities, but any modifications in the regulatory construct could affect NW Natural as well."

- Northwest Natural

“The Department would like the SB 978 Report to evaluate decarbonization, community differentiation and equity issues.”

- Department of Energy

“As a provider of energy efficiency and renewable energy programs for Oregonians, ETO notes that significant cost-effective energy efficiency resources remain.”

- Energy Trust of Oregon

"Just as computer companies in 1980 could not see why consumers would buy personal computers, utilities and PUCs today may be blind to why consumers would want to be energy independent."

- Power Oregon

"SBUA supports and encourages the Commission to take a harder look at the impact of energy regulation on Oregon's small businesses."

- Small Business Utility Advocates

"The Legislature needs to know the regulatory authority isn't quite there to do the things that we need to do. There are environmental issues, social and economic issues that your work touches and reconsideration of your role in that is needed."

- City of Portland

"We urge you to take full advantage of [the SB 978 mandate] and recommend changes to the existing regulatory system, especially for expanded PUC authority to rapidly decarbonize Oregon's utilities, electrify the transportation and heating sectors, and support local renewable energy strategies."

- Center for a Sustainable Economy

"Oregon should recognize the market is changing and adopt policies, regulations that foster its growth and enable more efficient implementation of technologies that will change the way Oregonians produce and use cleaner energy sources."

- Oregon Solar Energy Industries Association

"While the scope of SB 978 was designed by the Legislature to examine the regulation of electric companies, consumer-owned utilities appreciate this opportunity to educate SB 978 participants and observers about our successful electric delivery models."

- Consumer Owned Utilities and Bonneville Power Administration

"I would urge the commission to consider the models being tried in other states such as New York, California, Minnesota, Ohio, and Texas."

- Alan Hickenbottom

"We urge the Commission to recommend a rulemaking that would explore and advance the integration of community choice aggregation into Oregon's energy strategy and regulatory framework."

- Kyoto USA and LEAN

"The Commission should be awake to the possibility of greater disruption, where new business models, some small (community energy developers) but some more than competitive with existing utilities (think Amazon and Tesla Energy) could emerge."

- Angus Duncan

"It is important to holistically undertake the engagement of non-traditional stakeholders to be involved in these conversations."

- OPAL/Verde

"It's time to democratize and decarbonize the grid."

- Democratic Socialists of America, Portland

"I am a PGE customer, representing myself. I feel like a canary working in the SB 978 coal mine, surviving it, and coming out as an energy nerd."

- Kris Alman

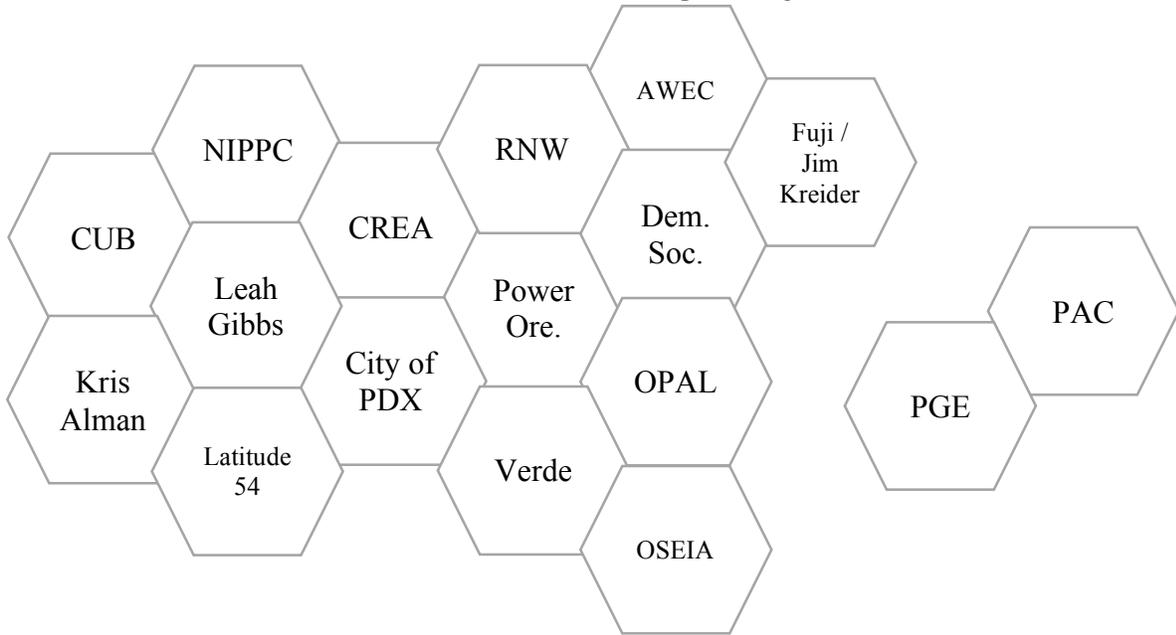
"I would like to see a section in the final report with data centered around public vs private ownership and a discussion on past attempts to municipalize including at least a sentence on the largest funders of the anti-municipalizing campaigns."

- Leah Gibbs

"Citizens have become increasingly frustrated with the IRP and OPUC processes."

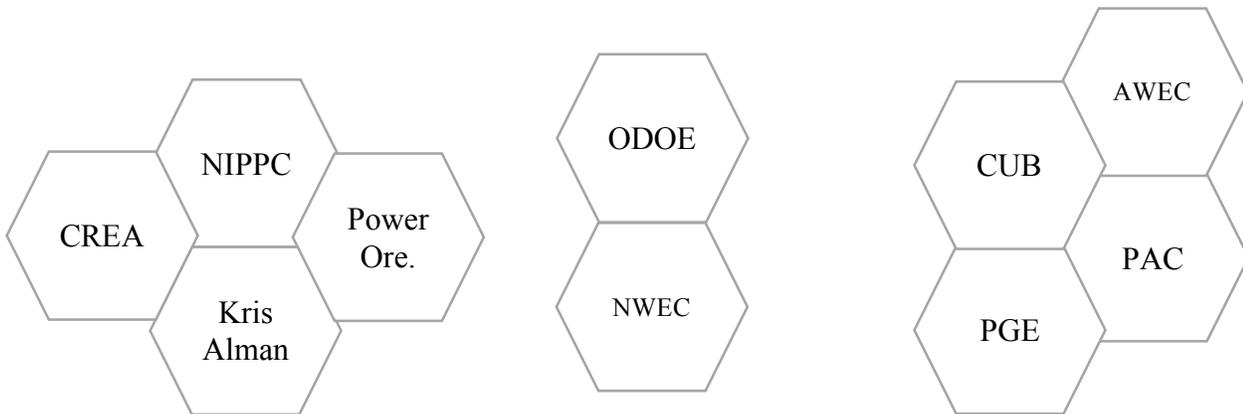
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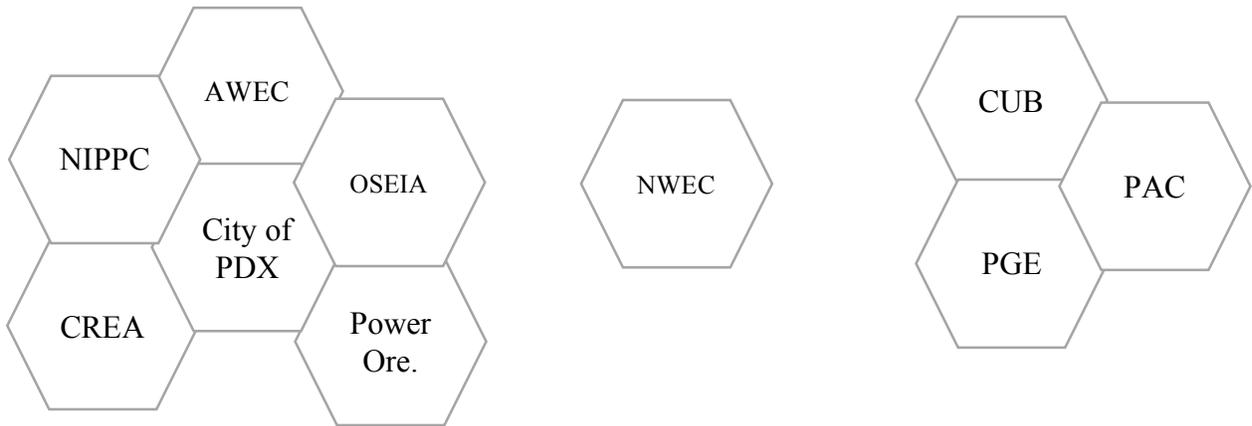
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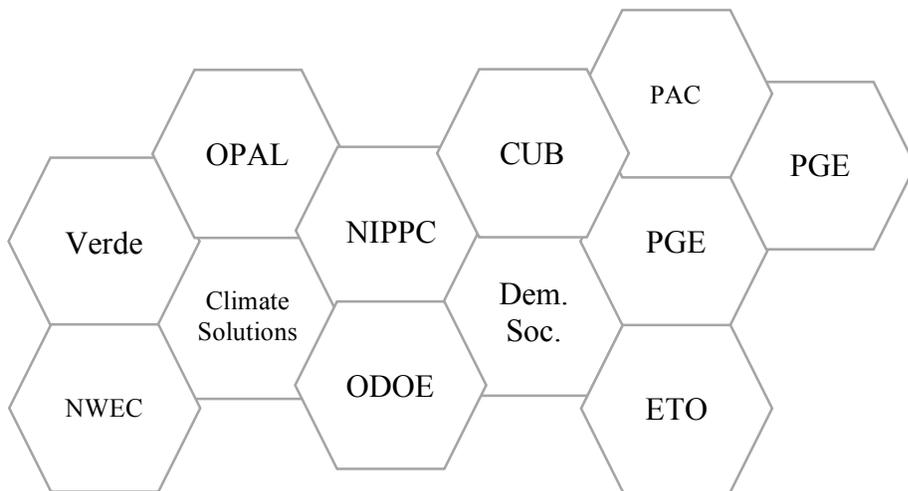
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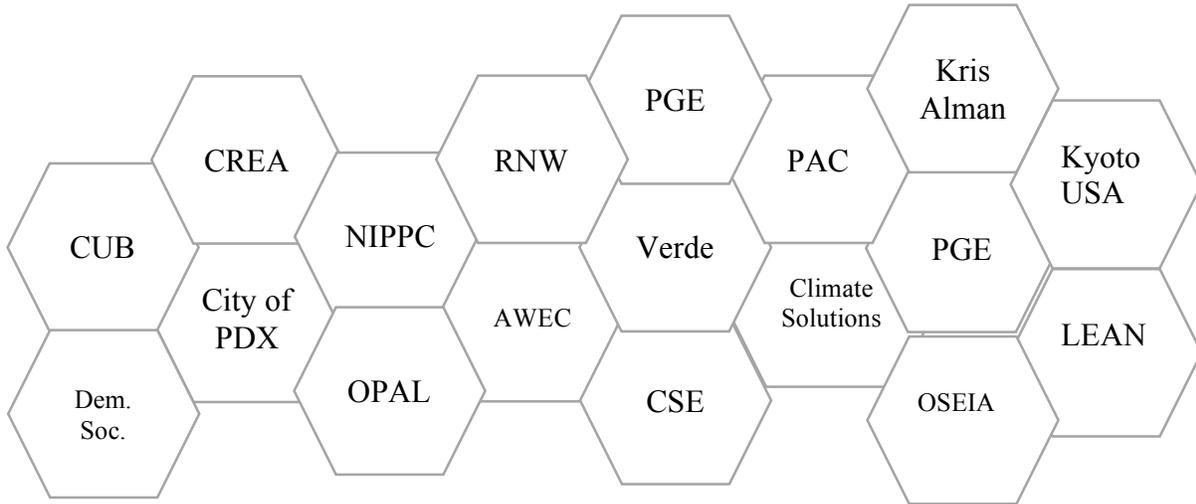


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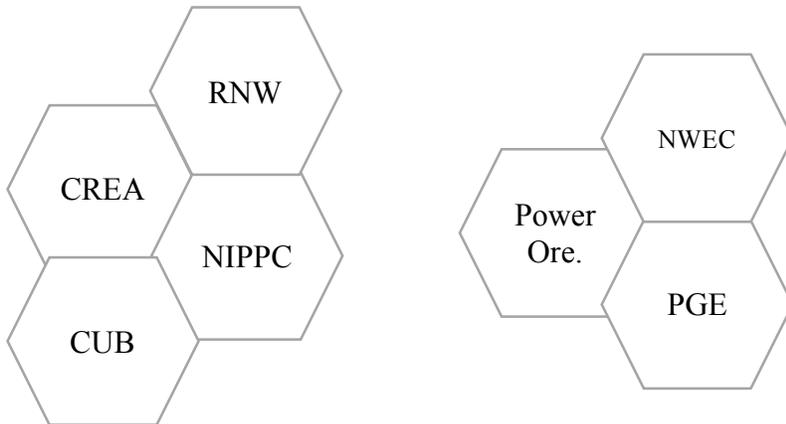
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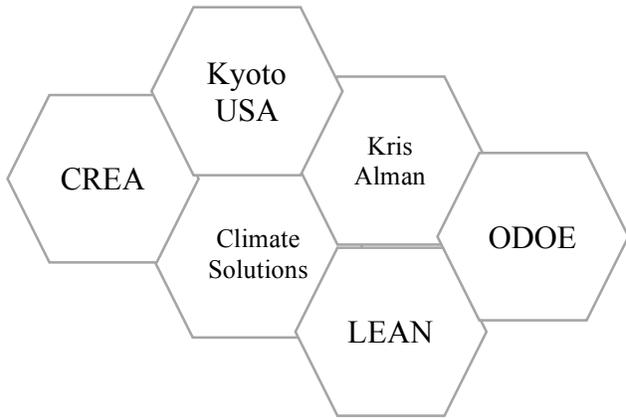
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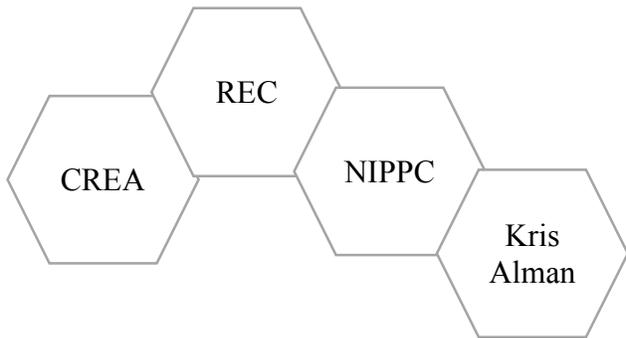
Some Stakeholders Support Performance Based Ratemaking.....



Some Stakeholder Support Community Choice Aggregation.....



Some Stakeholders Support PURPA.....



Some Stakeholders Support Organized Regional Market.....

