

## Proposed Work Plan/Meeting Schedule – EWG 2024

### *EWG – Overview of the issues and task*

The Energy Working Group (EWG) is focused on developing recommendations that help to ensure Mainers can have access to affordable and reliable energy as the state transforms its energy infrastructure to achieve its clean energy targets and needed emissions reductions.

As part of the update to Maine’s climate action plan, *Maine Won’t Wait*, the EWG will develop recommendations to help Maine thoughtfully and successfully build necessary clean energy infrastructure, recommendations to reduce the cost of that infrastructure by enabling demand management and related innovative strategies, and other recommendations to address energy burdens for Mainers who are most vulnerable to volatile and high energy costs. In addition, the EWG will work with other Working Groups to recommend strategies to build a clean energy workforce.

The EWG will use *Maine Won’t Wait* as a starting place for this work and strive for a limited number of recommended measurable strategies and actions.

### *Structuring a set of four priority conversations:*

1. Supporting demand management and related issues, including:
  - Shaping load, such as:
    - managed vehicle charging,
    - time of use rates
  - Facilitating flexible supply
    - grid integration of distributed energy resources,
  - Enabling market access for all energy resources (supply and demand)
  - Grid enhancing technologies,
  - Applying analytics to grid management, etc.
2. Advancing policy to plan and build necessary clean energy infrastructure
  - Clean energy resources procurement
  - Permitting and siting
  - Addressing the interconnection queue problem
  - Supporting implementation of Maine’s Offshore Wind Roadmap (coordinated transmission? What else?)
  - Ensuring infrastructure is resilient to a changing climate (with Community Resilience WG)
3. Addressing energy burdens for vulnerable Mainers as Maine continues to electrify.
4. Building a clean energy workforce (with other Working Groups)

*EWG Meeting Schedule – January through May 2024*

| Meeting Date            | Topic  |
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| 1/10/2024<br>(5pm-7pm)  | Confirm <b>meeting schedule</b> and topics; guest presentations from ISO-NE and Maine PUC  |
| 1/19/2024<br>(9am-1pm)  | <b>In person: Demand Management Workshop</b> (with Buildings and Transportation Working Groups)  |
| 2/9/2024<br>(9am-11am)  | Review policy options for <b>addressing energy burdens</b> for most vulnerable as Maine electrifies. Review initial draft recommendations for <b>demand management</b> |
| 3/1/2024<br>(9am-11am)  | Review policy options to <b>plan and build necessary clean energy infrastructure</b> . Update from writing groups: energy burden and demand management                 |
| 3/15/2024<br>(9am-11am) | Tentative: Review <b>workforce</b> potential strategies and actions (with Buildings and Transportation Working Groups)   |
| 3/29/2024<br>(9/11am)   | Tentative: Regroup on demand management with Buildings and Transportation Working Groups   |
| 4/5/2024<br>(1pm-3pm)   | <b>In person: Consolidated review of draft strategies and actions</b>  |
| May                     | To be determined   |