

WAC 194-40-040 Performance and compliance reporting for the GHG neutral standard and 100% clean electricity standard. (1) Each consumer-owned utility and each investor-owned utility must submit an interim performance report by July 1, 2026, and by July 1, 2030, documenting the utility's progress during the prior interim performance period in reaching compliance with the GHG neutral standard beginning in 2030.

(2) Each consumer-owned utility and each investor-owned utility must submit a compliance report by July 1, 2034, and within six months of the end of each subsequent GHG neutral compliance period, documenting the utility's compliance with the GHG neutral standard during the GHG neutral compliance period and its progress in reaching compliance with the 100% clean electricity standard beginning in 2045.

(3) Each consumer-owned utility and each investor-owned utility must submit a compliance report by July 1, 2046, and by July 1st of each year thereafter, documenting the utility's compliance with the 100% clean electricity standard.

(4) Each report required under subsections (1) and (2) of this section must be submitted using a form provided by commerce and must include the following information for the relevant interim performance period or GHG neutral compliance period:

(a) The amount of renewable resources and nonemitting electric generation used during the period, as a percentage of retail electric loads, compared to the target amount established and reported in the CEIP of the utility for that period.

(b) The amount of conservation and energy efficiency resources acquired during the period, compared to the target amount established and reported in the CEIP of the utility for that period.

(c) The amount of demand response resources acquired during the period, compared to the target amount established and reported in the CEIP of the utility for that period.

(d) The amount of electricity used from renewable resources, in megawatt-hours, compared to the target amount established and reported in the CEIP of the utility for that period.

(e) The amount of electricity used from nonemitting resources, in megawatt-hours over the period.

(f) Identification of any resources subject to the requirements of WAC 194-40-340 and acquired during the period and demonstration that the acquisition was consistent with the requirements of WAC 194-40-340.

(g) A detailed report of any use of each of the following alternative compliance options:

(i) Alternative compliance payments;

(ii) Unbundled renewable energy credits;

(iii) Credits from energy transformation projects;

(iv) Electricity from the Spokane municipal solid waste to energy facility (if it is determined to provide a net reduction in GHG emissions).

(h) A report to demonstrate whether and how, consistent with RCW 19.405.040(8) and the utility's CEIP for the period, all customers are benefiting from the transition to clean energy. The report must provide:

(i) Results for each indicator established in the CEIP;

(ii) An explanation of how the specific actions taken by the utility are consistent with the requirements in RCW 19.405.040(8); and

(iii) An analysis of whether the forecasted distribution of benefits and reductions of burdens accrued or are reasonably expected to

accrue to highly impacted communities, vulnerable populations, and all other customers.

(i) For each specific action identified in the CEIP for the period, pursuant to WAC 194-40-200(1), a summary of the actions taken and their results.

(j) For any measurement of achievement reported under (a) through (e) of this subsection that is less than the respective target established in the CEIP, an explanation of the variation from target and any intended actions to offset the variation in the next period.

(k) The information required under WAC 194-40-230(4), if the utility relied on the incremental cost provision in RCW 19.405.060 (4)(a) during the period.

(l) Any other information necessary to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of CETA that are applicable during the period.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 19.405.100 and 19.405.060. WSR 21-02-039, § 194-40-040, filed 12/29/20, effective 1/29/21.]