



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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Dear Friends of Renewable Northwest,

Thank you for taking the time to review our 2024 Annual Report. This past year was one of significant growth for RNW — we expanded our team, increased our membership, and diversified our funding sources. Throughout the region, I heard a clear and consistent message from our partners: the work we are doing is making a meaningful impact and has broad support.

For me, 2024 was a year of restructuring — building a new board and focusing on strengthening the organization’s foundations. My priority was ensuring that our staff and consultants had the support they needed to take on new challenges with confidence. I’m incredibly grateful for the opportunity to focus on organizational resilience, especially as we approach a future that will test us in ways we haven’t experienced before.

2024 also marked RNW’s 30th anniversary: three decades of advancing clean energy solutions across the Northwest. What started in 1994 as The Renewable Northwest Project has grown into a trusted and effective voice for renewable energy advocacy. Reaching this milestone is a testament to the dedication of our members, partners, and staff who have never strayed from our goal of increasing clean energy supply in the Pacific Northwest. As we celebrate this milestone and look ahead, our mission remains as urgent as ever. The path to a clean energy future is filled with both challenges and opportunities, and RNW is ready to meet them with the expertise and collaboration that have defined us for 30 years. This report highlights the progress we’ve made over the past year, but it also serves as a roadmap for the work still ahead.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us — we couldn’t do this work without your support.



Nicole Hughes
Executive Director
Renewable Northwest



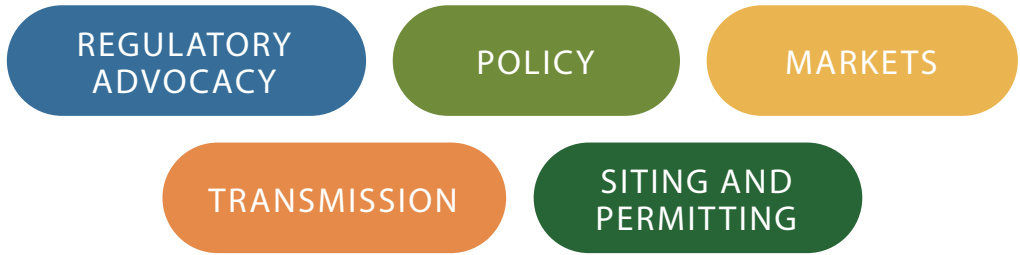
TOWARD A CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE



Renewable Northwest (RNW) is a nonprofit advocacy organization that promotes the rapid decarbonization of the electric grid in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana. We are a unique organization in the world of clean-energy advocacy. Our work is deeply informed by our membership, which is a combination of environmental nonprofits, renewable energy and storage companies, and consumer advocates. Together, we bring technical expertise, a broad perspective, and a solutions-oriented approach to policy and regulation supporting the clean-energy transition.

RNW engages in a wide range of overlapping issues, in a wide variety of forums. This means our work can be categorized in many different ways. We’ve chosen to organize our annual report using the same categories as our strategic plan.

PROGRAM PILLARS



REGULATORY ADVOCACY

“How do you put into words the value of transitioning away from greenhouse gas emitting resources? It’s a global necessity... And Renewable Northwest has been doing this for so long. They are staples.”

– RNW Partner

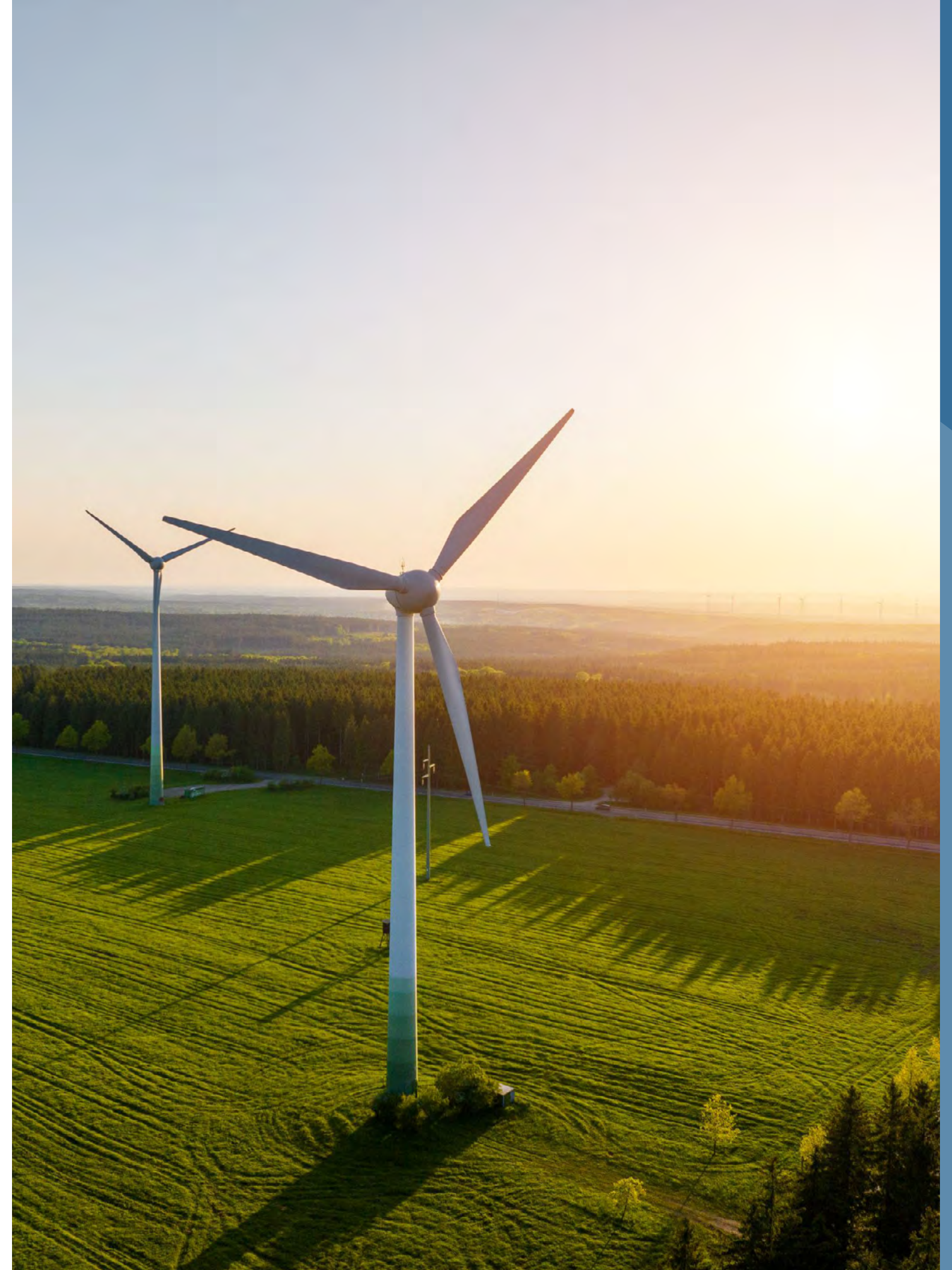


OUR STRATEGY

RNW engages in utility planning and procurement processes from beginning to end, working directly with utilities and public utility commissions to ensure new demand is met with a diverse selection of clean energy, storage, and demand-side resources. RNW works to ensure that regional markets and transmission planning forums adequately consider the benefits renewables bring. We are always advocating for meeting new capacity and energy needs with non-fossil options.

WORK THEMES

As we do every year, the RNW regulatory team worked to advance clean energy in the development and review of utility integrated resource plans (IRPs), ensure competitive bidding in utility request for proposals (RFPs), and soundly implement clean energy laws. 2024 was a year of guarding the progress we’ve made on clean energy and updating planning processes and practices to advance the energy transition.



OUTCOMES

◆ IRP DECISIONS AND DEVELOPMENT

In 2024, the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC) issued decisions for integrated resource plans and clean energy plans filed by utilities in 2023. These decisions were largely in line with RNW's advocacy, pushing utilities to plan for compliance with Oregon's H.B. 2021. RNW then got to work engaging with utilities on the development of their next IRPs. Specifically, we served on advisory committees and attended public input meetings to make sure utilities included fair assumptions around renewables and storage, considered the transmission necessary to bring generation to load centers, and used updated resource adequacy methodologies to account for a changing resource mix.

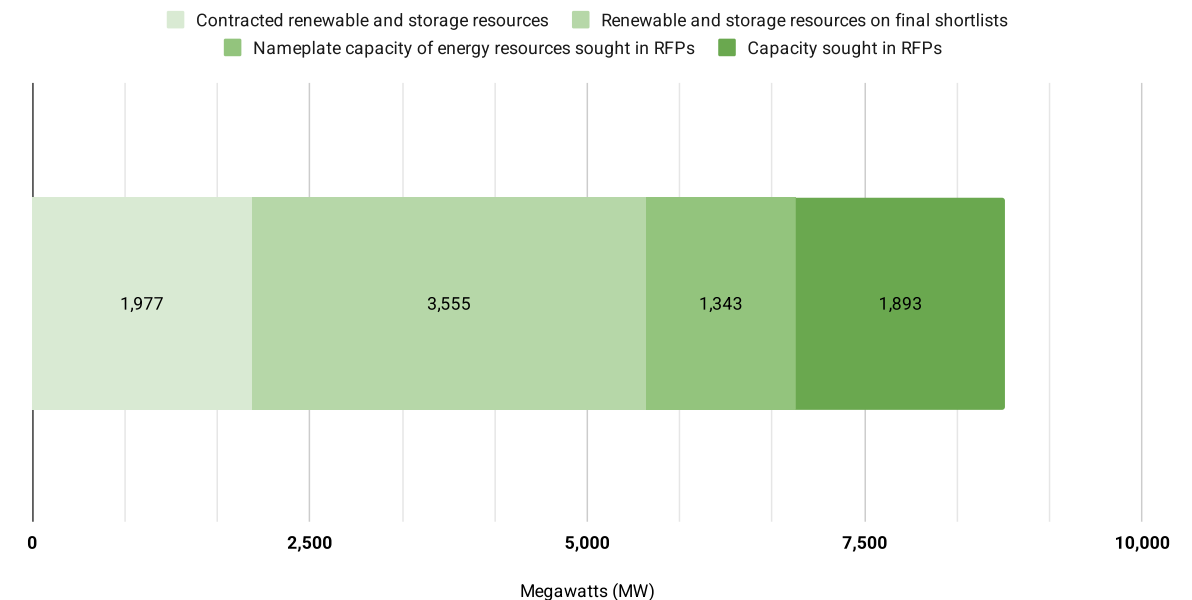
◆ 2024 PROCUREMENT ROUNDUP

RNW engaged early in RFP-related dockets in Oregon, helping to shape Portland General Electric's (PGE) and Idaho Power's procurements through written comments and participation in OPUC public meetings and working to protect confidential bidder information from disclosure in a PGE cost recovery filing. We also met one on one with Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to discuss and provide feedback on their voluntary RFP.

The procurement picture for our region's IOUs in 2024 was mixed with some utilities under-procuring relative to making progress toward clean energy mandates, while others have been continually acquiring new renewable and storage resources. Procurement numbers are difficult to capture and carry some level of uncertainty since resource acquisition happens over multiple years and utilities have varied reporting requirements.

For the purpose of this report, we've broken down procurement into 1) resources for which a contract was signed in 2024, 2) final shortlists submitted in 2024, and 3) RFPs initiated in 2024.

2024 Procurement Roundup for Northwest IOUs



◆ CONTRACTS SIGNED IN 2024:

Puget Sound Energy (PSE) and PacifiCorp contracted for a combined 1,977 MW of renewable and storage resources in 2024. These resources either resulted from prior RFPs or were contracted outside of the RFP process.

◆ SHORTLISTS SUBMITTED IN 2024:

Idaho Power and Portland General Electric (PGE) submitted final shortlists in 2024 for RFPs initiated in 2023. Combined, these utilities are planning to procure 780 MW of solar, 1,300 MW of wind, 825 MW of solar + storage, and 650 MW of battery storage for a total of 3,555 MW of renewables and storage. These resources are expected to come online in 2026 and 2027.

◆ RFPs INITIATED IN 2024:

Idaho Power and PSE issued RFPs in 2024, with combined energy needs of 1,343 MW and capacity needs of 1,893 MW. Idaho Power has since published its final shortlist, which includes 959 MW of solar, 179 MW of wind, and 460 MW of battery storage. PSE's RFP was voluntary and we expect to see the results of that process in mid-2025. In all likelihood, the vast majority of these resources will be renewables and storage.

◆ In total, utilities procured or are currently seeking to procure over 8,700 MW of new resources.

OUTCOMES

◇ **ENGAGEMENT IN INVESTIGATIONS, RULEMAKINGS, AND RATE CASES ON BEHALF OF CLEAN ENERGY**

RNW tracked and participated in numerous utility commission proceedings, including staff investigations, formal rulemakings, and a rate case in Montana. Here we'll focus on two of our top priorities over the last year: 1) the investigation into IRP and RFP modernization at the OPUC and 2) Northwestern Energy's (NWE) general rate case.

Staff at the OPUC opened an investigation that aims to modify the Commission's rules and process around IRPs and RFPs to better align these exercises with the pace of change we're experiencing in state policy and technology. RNW attended workshops and provided feedback on and support for Staff's proposed changes. In particular, we supported changes that would provide increased visibility into utilities' policy compliance strategies, more transparency and scrutiny around how utilities are implementing IRP action plans, and deeper alignment between IRP analysis and RFP decisions. RNW expects this investigation to move forward to a formal rulemaking process in early 2025, and we will continue our engagement there.

In the fall of 2024, NWE filed for its second rate case in two years. Among cost recovery for typical expenses like local transmission upgrades, NWE sought to rate base a new gas peaking plant and a Colstrip "balancing account" for expenses to comply with recent EPA regulations. NWE also brought no proposed investment in new transmission capacity, renewables, or storage. Renewable NW was granted its motion to intervene in the case, served as a convenor between multiple intervenors and NWE on issues critical to the case, and filed direct testimony with the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC) outlining substantial deficiencies in NWE's resource and transmission planning and procurement. The case will proceed into 2025 where Renewable NW will remain engaged, pushing for improved planning and investment in Montana.

RENEWABLE NW KEPT THE PRESSURE ON PACIFICORP

In April 2024, PacifiCorp filed an update to its 2023 IRP that drastically reduced renewables and storage in the preferred portfolio and canceled a pending RFP. PacifiCorp attributed these dramatic reductions to a number of causes, the most prominent of which is the company's significant liability for wildfire damages. In PacifiCorp's concurrently filed Oregon planning supplement, the company projected it would not meet H.B. 2021's 80% emission reduction target across the twenty year planning horizon, let alone by 2030.

As a result of PacifiCorp's filing, our advocacy, and that of our NGO partners, the OPUC determined that PacifiCorp had not demonstrated 'continual progress' toward H.B. 2021's emission reduction targets. Accordingly, the Commission opened a contested case docket to investigate its

own powers under existing law to compel PacifiCorp to procure new resources. Renewable NW intervened in that docket and argued that the Commission not only had the authority to compel PacifiCorp to issue an RFP, but also to review bids and procure resources from that RFP. As the contested case got underway, PacifiCorp appealed the Commission Order that precipitated the new docket to the Marion County Circuit Court and asked the Commission to postpone compliance with the Order pending appeal. The company also asked to suspend the contested case proceeding. The Commission denied both requests after Renewable NW and a coalition of NGOs opposed them. At every step, Renewable NW pushed back on PacifiCorp's interpretation of their obligation under H.B. 2021 and their narrative that the Commission lacks the authority to mandate procurement.

While all of this played out in Oregon, PacifiCorp was simultaneously petitioning the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to drastically reduce the company's interim targets toward the Clean Energy Transformation Act's (CETA) 2030 clean energy target. Renewable NW submitted testimony recommending the Commission reject the new targets and direct PacifiCorp to issue an RFP in conjunction with the filing of their next IRP. In Washington and Oregon, Renewable NW argued that state clean energy laws have significantly expanded Commission authority around procurement, and that both Commissions should use that authority to require PacifiCorp to procure renewable resources in line with these laws. We expect decisions from both Commissions in 2025.

POLICY

“There is no other organization bringing the renewable energy industry and stakeholders together to inform policy. And no other advocacy organization who is technically savvy enough to be able to implement those policies.”

– RNW Partner



OUR STRATEGY

RNW works to establish, implement, and defend policies that trigger new renewable energy and storage investments and drive greenhouse gas emissions out of the electricity sector. At RNW, we define policy work primarily as legislatively focused, but this work extends to administrative rule-making at the state and federal levels.

WORK THEMES

In the policy realm, 2024 was a year of guarding progress and implementation. Across the four states, RNW worked to set up systems and decision-making processes that would soundly implement previously-passed legislation and built support for future legislation that will make building renewable energy projects easier and more predictable. These themes are evident across the following examples.



OUTCOMES

WASHINGTON

◇ MITIGATING HARM FROM PREVIOUS LEGISLATION

RNW worked closely throughout the year with the Washington Department of Ecology to spur agency-developed legislation for the 2025 session that would delay the implementation of the state's PV recycling requirement. As the law currently stands, it is unworkable for industry. RNW is working to alleviate this through collaboration with Ecology and supporting a 2025 legislative fix.

◇ ADDRESSING LOCAL PROPERTY TAX CHALLENGES

Throughout 2024, RNW participated in a Task Force led by the Washington State Association of Counties to change how local property taxes for renewable energy projects are calculated. The current system leads to rapidly declining payments to counties, detracting from the benefits of renewable energy projects in the eyes of the counties; legislation to address this was introduced in the 2025 session. RNW is committed to alleviating the negative pressure on local property tax systems, while guarding against harm to existing renewable energy projects and the industry in Washington.

◇ LEGISLATIVE DEFENSE

RNW engaged heavily in Olympia to ensure potentially harmful bills to renewable energy development and the state's progress towards meeting its clean energy mandates did not move forward. Notably, RNW negotiated on a contentious bill (H.B. 1589) to eliminate anti-competitive provisions that would have been harmful to RNW members and the renewable energy industry.



OREGON

◇ CLARIFYING STAND-ALONE STORAGE PERMITTING PATHWAYS

RNW led the effort to pass H.B. 4015 in the 2024 legislative session. This bill added stand-alone Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) to the types of projects that can be permitted at the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC).

This addition means that stand-alone BESS

projects now have the same optionality as other renewable energy projects, allowing developers and counties to decide if projects can be permitted at the county level or at EFSC.

◇ IMPROVING AGENCY RULES

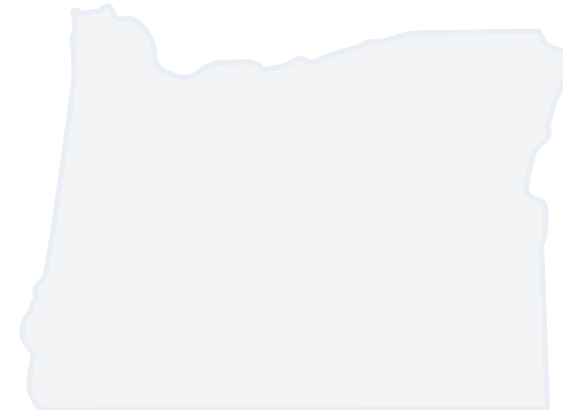
In support of implementing previously-passed legislation and state agency work to improve existing permitting rules, RNW participated in a variety of rulemakings that eliminated duplicative and cumbersome processes (EFSC rulemakings), and moved forward difficult conversations navigating the land-use tensions between Eastern Oregon agricultural uses and solar installations (see DLCD rulemaking in siting section).

◇ BUILDING A STATE ENERGY STRATEGY

RNW participated in Advisory and Working groups for creating the inaugural Oregon State Energy Strategy process. This work is a result of RNW-led legislation passed in 2023 and aims to identify the best pathways to achieve Oregon's energy policies and make supporting policy recommendations. RNW pushed for accurate core modeling that reflects our constrained transmission landscape and includes emerging and nascent technologies - such as long-duration storage and OSW - in future scenarios. This work continues in 2025.

◇ SHAPING AN OREGON PATHWAY FOR OSW

With a coalition of fishermen, labor, environmental, and equity partners, RNW supported successful legislation (H.B. 4080) that directed DLCD to lead an "OSW Roadmap" process. The Roadmap is meant to consider potential state-level strategies and timelines for future OSW installations off the coast of Oregon. See page 11 for more on OSW.

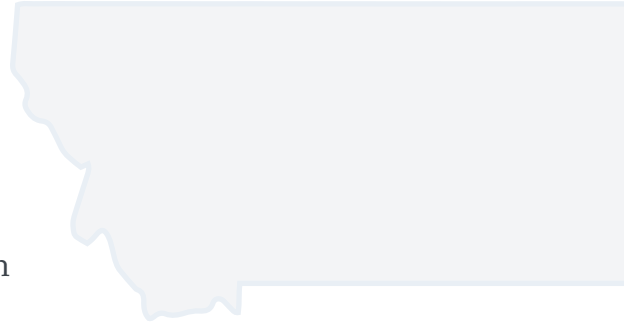


OUTCOMES

MONTANA

◆ INCREASING AWARENESS ON TRANSMISSION CHALLENGES

RNW conducted extensive outreach to legislators across Montana to elevate the importance of transmission planning and investment, particularly with respect to the economic consequences for the state. This work culminated with a presentation to the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee (ETIC) as well as presentations in multiple state-level forums with agencies, utilities, developers, power marketers, and large industries. As a result, transmission was a leading issue in state-level policy and economic development discussions through the Fall in advance of the 2025 session.



◆ GROWING COALITIONS

RNW convened the first-ever coalition of concerned businesses, developers, and power marketers in Montana to raise concerns over power supply and transmission constraints for industry in the state. This coalition expanded RNW's previous work of starting the Montana Energy Business Alliance (MEBA) into a new, independent advocacy organization. This expanded version of MEBA represents a broad coalition of businesses in the state, from large industrials to small businesses and everyone in between.

◆ IMPROVING ELECTRICITY PLANNING TRANSPARENCY

RNW closely engaged with the Select Committee on Energy Resource Planning and Acquisition (SCERPA) throughout the year to develop PD 11, which was introduced in the 2025 legislative session. This bill requires use of an independent evaluator in some procurement processes and requires public participation in the IRP process. RNW has continued to advocate for making the IRP technical advisory committee meetings open to the public, moving away from the unnecessarily opaque status quo.

IDAHO

◆ ESTABLISHING PRESENCE

RNW kicked off its first year of deep engagement in Idaho with many introductions to legislators, state associations, Economic development organizations, utilities, NGOs and others. RNW was a panelist and active contributor to numerous conferences focusing on energy, and educated many partners in the state regarding Idaho's strategic importance for transmission and markets development.



◆ SHAPING CONVERSATIONS

RNW identified a need for and convened the first ever coalition of RNW members and NGO partners in Idaho to deliberate on predominantly local development issues (i.e. ordinance development, local opposition to projects, escalating politicization of renewables). RNW helped develop best practices and talking points for our allies in the state, as well as a forum through which organizations could share current observations and request help from others.

◆ FORMALIZING IDAHO WORK

RNW established a partnership with Idaho Energy Freedom to begin the work of standing up a new business-centric, independent advocacy organization in Idaho. With a generous grant from the American Clean Power Association, RNW's members will engage directly with this new business alliance beginning in 2025. This organization will be broadly-representative of businesses in Idaho and will advocate for affordable, reliable, increasingly clean electricity supply in the state.

OUTCOMES

OFFSHORE WIND

- ◇ Our work in offshore wind ramped up quickly in 2024, but followed a trajectory of uncertainty as political support in Oregon failed to materialize and by year-end, a second Trump administration loomed.
- ◇ The year began with a focus on preparing for a lease auction off the coast of Oregon, scheduled for October. Throughout the process, which was led by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) RNW provided supportive comments and constructive feedback. Much of our focus was around advocacy and implementation work for Oregon's H.B. 4080, which creates a Roadmap for Oregon's approach to offshore wind. RNW helped secure funding for staffing this work in the 2024 legislative session
- ◇ Early in 2024, RNW realized a local voice for clean energy advocacy on the South Coast was needed; this led us to support creation of a new local nonprofit, the South Coast Energy Coalition. Realizing many need to "see it to believe it," we partnered with the Oceantic Network to take an Oregon delegation to Scotland to visit the world's first floating offshore wind project. In Washington, we continued our leadership in the Maritime Blue Wind coalition, which aims to activate the Washington floating offshore wind supply chain.
- ◇ Across both states, RNW engaged our federal delegation to help drive support for offshore wind, and met with BOEM officials to provide local perspective. We also helped co-create a new Offshore Wind Regional Hub, which will aid in information sharing and regional coordination among partners working on West Coast offshore wind. We also commissioned a Ports Manual by BW Research to help guide regional port managers and they consider potential roles in the floating offshore wind supply chain.



MARKETS

“Renewable Northwest shows up better than just representing a bunch of private businesses. They’re a really authentic advocate and truth seeker.”

– RNW Partner



OUR STRATEGY

RNW is committed to the principle that a single, West-wide, fully integrated electricity market is the best structure to support regional decarbonization and to most cost-effectively deliver clean energy to customers. Regardless of footprint, RNW believes that regional markets must include equitable and transparent governance, prioritize decarbonization, and facilitate the development of critical infrastructure to meet increasing regional demand.

WORK THEMES

In 2024, RNW joined other stakeholders and market experts to finalize tariffs and policies for each of the proposed day-ahead markets in the West: the California Independent System Operator’s (CAISO) Extended Day Ahead Market (EDAM) and the Southwest Power Pool’s (SPP) Markets+. In these conversations, and particularly in the Bonneville Power Administration’s (BPA) Day-Ahead Market (DAM) proceedings, RNW focused on the nuances of governance and greenhouse gas treatment, and on the potential impacts of fragmenting the region’s transmission system.

If 2023 was about better understanding the relative benefits of each market and bringing the right people up to speed, 2024 was about diving into the technical details of modeling assumptions and quickly-evolving market design while bringing even more regional partners into the conversation. We pushed BPA on its economic analysis and urged it to more carefully consider the potential impacts of its day-ahead market decision on the region – a theme that featured heavily in our advocacy work with the NW congressional delegation.



OUTCOMES

◇ CAISO EDAM:

As EDAM entered its implementation stage, RNW began monitoring utilities' revised tariff filings for potential impacts to the region's transmission system, and for other challenges to incorporating more renewable resources to the grid. RNW also increased its representation in the CAISO stakeholder process by filling a proxy role for the Public Interest Sector Liaison at the Regional Issues Forum.

◇ SPP MARKETS+

RNW maintained active participation in the Markets+ stakeholder process, representing the NW through voting seats on the Markets+ Participant Executive Committee (MPEC) and the Markets+ Design Working Group (MDWG), while also advocating for specific policy developments in the Greenhouse Gas Task Force (GHGTF) and the Interim Governance Task Force (IGTF).

◇ BPA DAY-AHEAD MARKET PROCEEDINGS

In an effort to push BPA for more robust analysis around its market decision, RNW and regional partners commissioned a study from the Brattle Group on the impacts of BPA's market decision to both BPA customers and to the region. Simultaneously, RNW's advocacy at the state and federal levels resulted in multiple letters from OR and WA senators, governors, and state agencies pushing BPA to better justify its market decision and timeline. Through the OCGC (more below), RNW also helped raise regional awareness on BPA issues, including on the day-ahead market process.

◇ OREGON CLEAN GRID COLLABORATIVE

The OCGC, a capacity-building coalition of clean energy, environmental, and labor advocates led jointly by RNW and the Oregon Environmental Council (OEC), came into its own in 2024. Armed with the collective knowledge it gained in 2023 about regional markets and transmission development, the OCGC took its first public advocacy step when it submitted comments on



BPA's DAM process. OCGC also hosted its first annual Clean Grid Summit, featuring panel discussions, breakout sessions, and networking opportunities for the more than 100 attendees. A second annual Summit is expected in 2025.

◇ THE PATHWAYS INITIATIVE

The Pathways Launch Committee made significant strides in 2024, releasing a Step 1 proposal that was ultimately approved by the CAISO Board, and a Step 2 proposal that described in detail how to achieve the ultimate goal of an independent governance structure for EDAM. RNW remained engaged by attending stakeholder meetings and workshops, and joining comments from the Public Interest sector.

◇ WESTERN RESOURCE ADEQUACY PROGRAM

RNW continued to co-chair WRAP's Program Review Committee (PRC) in 2024. Even as FERC approved WRAP's revised transition plan towards a fully binding program, RNW worked with other stakeholders to review, prioritize, and endorse dozens of policies to improve WRAP's effectiveness in addressing regional capacity concerns.



SEAMS AND SCRUTINIZING THE REALITY OF TWO MARKETS IN THE NW

The potential for the West to be split between two electricity markets became increasingly apparent in 2024. Many, including RNW, raised concerns about how additional seams - boundaries when neighboring utilities are part of separate energy markets - would further complicate the already complex wholesale electricity and transmission systems of the West. RNW highlighted these concerns in its comments to FERC on SPP's Markets+ Tariff filing. We also supported a study by Grid Strategies, highlighting the potential risks of combining bad market configuration with the lack of regulatory oversight over the two largest transmission players in the Northwest: BPA and Powerex.

While many entities deemed it “too early” to have conversations about comprehensive seams management in 2024, RNW felt these conversations could not begin soon enough. The highly fragmented, mostly non-RTO West faces a unique and complex set of challenges, and poor seams management combined with no oversight can only exacerbate rising cost and reliability concerns.

As market footprints and policies solidify in 2025, RNW expects seams conversations to finally take front stage. We plan to closely track and engage in these conversations, as the efficient management of seams issues between markets will be essential to the region's transition to a reliable, cost-effective, and decarbonized grid.

TRANSMISSION

“Transmission improvements and expansion remain the key to unlocking the region’s ability to achieve a reliable, clean energy future.

– RNW Partner



OUR STRATEGY

RNW remains committed to improving processes for planning, permitting, and paying for regional and interregional transmission, while also encouraging more efficient use of existing infrastructure to maintain reliability and support decarbonization.

WORK THEMES

Regional and national conversations around transmission became increasingly politicized in 2024, characterized by the partisan debate around FERC Order 1920 and whether states without clean energy mandates should have to foot the transmission bill for states with such mandates. However, RNW pushed forward with the belief that transmission is “resource-agnostic,” that the economics of renewables will speak for itself, and that developing key transmission corridors in our region will unlock economic development benefits that are too large to be ignored.



In 2024, RNW continued to see opportunities for BPA to assume a more proactive leadership role in the expansion of our region’s transmission system, and in improving its existing processes. To that end, RNW invested considerable time and resources advocating with key decision-makers at the federal level in an effort to encourage the same stance from BPA. With expanded capacity on our Markets and Transmission pillars, RNW also engaged more deeply in coordinated transmission planning efforts across the West, most notably through the Western Transmission Expansion Coalition (WestTEC) and through increased collaboration with our regional partners to track and engage in planning activities across the West.



OUTCOMES

◇ **BPA RATE CASE (QUEUE REFORM):**

In 2024, RNW participated in the implementation of generation interconnection queue reforms as part of BPA's 2023 rate case (TC-25), and proposed reforms continued in the TC-26 portion of the 2024 rate case. RNW partnered with the Northwest & Intermountain Power Producers Coalition (NIPPC) to propose reforms to withdrawal penalties, and reached a settlement agreement which will be finalized in 2025. These reforms bring BPA's interconnection queue process closer to that outlined in FERC Order 2023-A. In the BP-26 portion of the rate case, RNW focused on pushing back on BPA's large, proposed transmission customer rate increases and revenue financing charges, among other rate increase proposals from BPA. This process will continue in 2025.

◇ **WESTERN TRANSMISSION EXPANSION COALITION**

RNW remains an active participant in WestTEC, and has been heavily engaged in the development of the Study Plan and of avenues for funding the study. RNW retained Grid Strategies as our consultant on the Assessment and Technical Taskforce (WATT) and WestTEC is expected to release its first major deliverable, the Initial 10-Year Horizon Report, in 2025.

◇ **BPA WORKFORCE COMPENSATION REFORM:**

RNW has been working in partnership with NIPPC to advance language in federal legislation that would allow BPA to deviate from the federal pay scale in order to address workforce hiring and retention challenges, especially in transmission planning and development. The language was added to the Energy Permitting Reform Act (EPRA) in 2024. Although the EPRA did not pass in 2024, the BPA Workforce Compensation Reform language survived - as a direct result of advocacy by RNW and others at the federal and state legislatures - as stand-alone language in the bipartisan Reliability for Ratepayers Act, reintroduced in 2025.

◇ **FERC ORDER 1920-A:**

Recognizing the unique challenges in our region (lack of RTOs, BPA's non-FERC jurisdictional nature, opaque stakeholder processes at regional planning entities), RNW leaned heavily on our relationships with regional and national partners to track and strategize around Order 1920-A implementation, with an eye towards encouraging more collaborative and ambitious interregional transmission planning outcomes across the West.. We expect these efforts to continue well into 2025 and beyond.

SITING AND PERMITTING

“Without Renewable Northwest, we’re missing a bridge to the developer community. We would be reliant on one-off developers or utilities for information, which paints a different picture of the renewable market.”

– RNW Partner



OUR STRATEGY

RNW promotes streamlined, predictable, and reasonable siting standards and processes to facilitate the development of new environmentally responsible and financeable renewable energy projects, storage projects, and transmission infrastructure.

WORK THEMES

2024 was the first year RNW spent as much time engaging with counties as at the state level, but our focus didn’t change – we continue seeking to understand and improve the dynamics of siting large new renewable energy projects in the region. While the politics of siting vary widely by county, region and across the four states, there is a consistent theme – large renewable energy facilities represent change, often unwelcome change, to the landscape. Balancing land use interests is difficult but we know it can be done. Several bills and activities related to siting were noted in the policy section above. In this section, we fill in more details about RNW’s siting-specific work.



OUTCOMES

- ◇ RNW influenced several Washington State agency-led processes during 2024; state government plays a very active role in siting policy in Washington, with multiple state agencies promulgating rules and recommending changes to existing rules. RNW work included: Meeting with the newly formed Clean Energy Siting Coordinating Council throughout the year to steer their recommendations about improving siting and providing more resources to local governments; and submitting extensive comments to Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, which led to them revamping proposed guidelines.
- ◇ RNW invested considerable time building relationships and engaging with new siting ordinances at the county level across Washington and Oregon. This work has yielded a growing network of contacts and supported some specific positive outcomes, including thoughtful Battery Energy Storage System ordinances in King and Grant Counties, in Washington.
- ◇ RNW was a formal participant in a Rulemaking Advisory Committee (RAC) in Oregon, with a mandate to discuss and identify areas of lower conflict where solar siting can be streamlined. Identifying areas that are “lower conflict” has proven difficult. Significant progress and consensus has been achieved around the idea of a program that allows prospective solar sites to be developed if certain county-defined criteria are met. More work remains to be done.

THE COUNTY ADVISORY GROUP

In early 2024, in service of better understanding local government perspectives, RNW decided to strengthen and expand relationships with local officials across the region. By the summer, this led to the creation of the County Advisory Group, which is initially focused on Washington and Oregon.

The County Advisory Group has met three times and there are fifteen participants from Washington and Oregon who are either County Commissioners or County Planners, representing 13 counties. Both statewide county associations are represented as well. All participants have direct experience working on, or debating, siting of renewable energy projects. None are strong advocates or opponents of renewable energy, they are focused on learning how the siting process can work better for local governments.

For now, the goals for this group remain modest. RNW staff has focused on listening, learning, and building these local connections across Washington and Oregon. We also see opportunities to share best practices from renewable energy ordinances and decision-making that work well for local governments and developers.

Finally, there is an opportunity for local government decision-makers to learn about the broader energy system by scheduling guest speakers who can increase general understanding of transmission and energy markets.

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF RENEWABLE NORTHWEST!



Founded in 1994, RNW marked its 30th anniversary in 2024. At our annual member meeting at Skamania Lodge in Washington, staff, board members, and members gathered to recognize this milestone, reflect on our progress, and discuss the work ahead. Over the past three decades, we have helped advance renewable energy policies and projects across the Northwest, and we remain committed to supporting the region's transition to clean energy.



OUR TEAM

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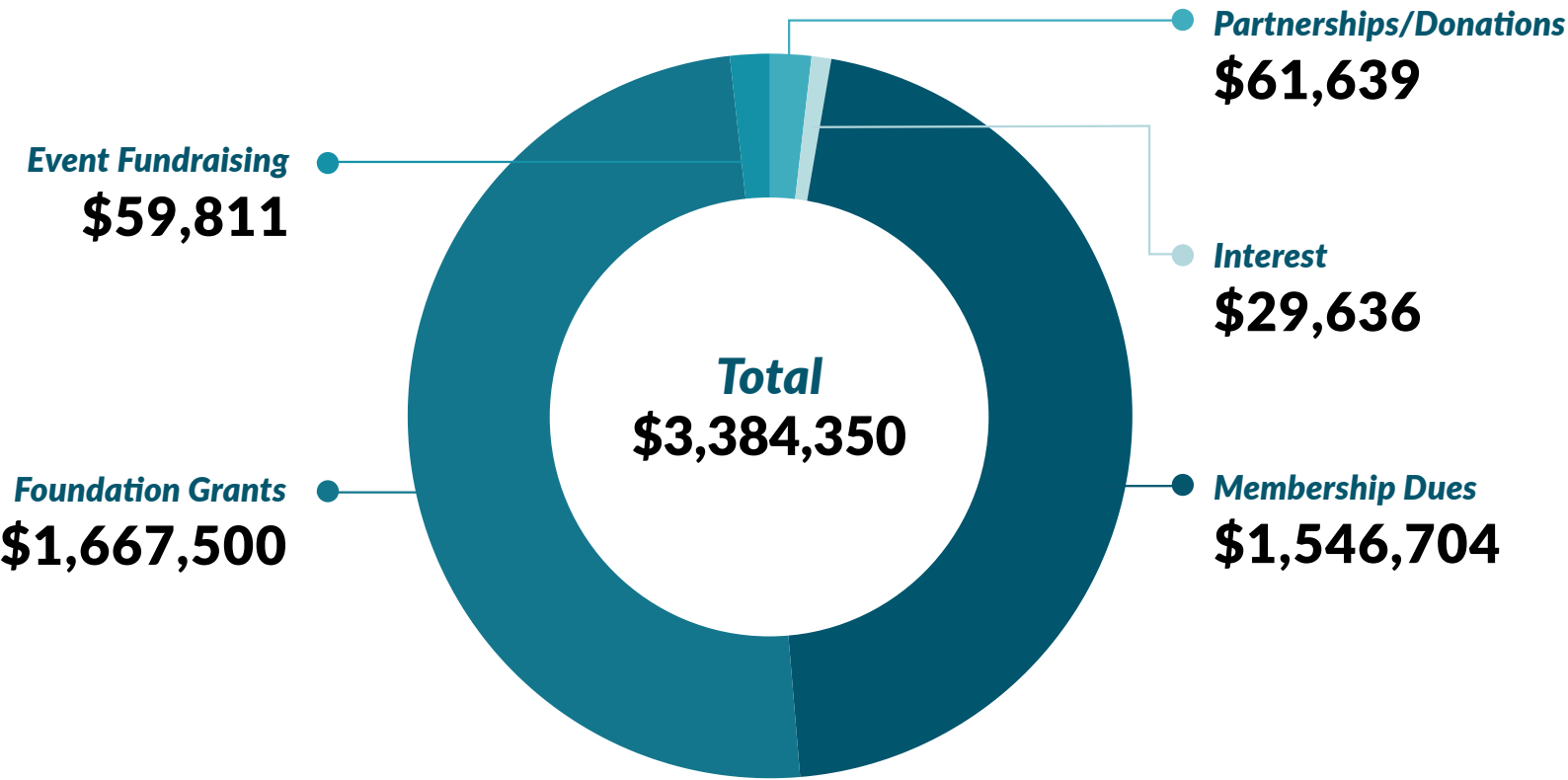
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