

PERMITTING & SITING

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Washington State continues to struggle to build the infrastructure necessary to achieve the State's climate and energy goals. Compliance with Washington's Clean Energy Transformation Act, which requires 100% clean energy by 2045, will require an enormous build out of transmission and clean energy facilities.

Moreover, Washingtonians are hungry for more investment in green energy infrastructure, successfully defending the landmark Climate Commitment Act from a ballot challenge.



THE PROBLEM

There are obstacles to the timely construction of this critical infrastructure; notably, onerous permitting and siting processes that can cause years of delay and the glaring lack of transmission capacity to interconnect projects to our electric grid.

THE SOLUTION

Over the last three years we have seen substantial investment by the State Legislature to address these issues. **As a next step, Washington must further refine the permitting and siting process through our state siting body (EFSEC) and expedite updates to existing transmission lines.**

- **Climate policy is economic policy.** Streamlining siting and permitting processes is a critical step in growing the clean energy economy.
- **Constructing clean energy infrastructure creates family-wage jobs that provide economic stability** for working families and their communities for generations to come, while making significant progress towards the state's ambitious climate goals that Washingtonians are committed to achieving.
- **Streamlining processes will be done alongside tribal nations and local communities** to ensure our clean energy transition is fair and equitable, benefitting all Washingtonians.



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