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Thank You for Joining Us at *Tomorrow's Energy System*

On February 9, GEI brought together an engaging group of experts to discuss the transition to tomorrow's energy system. "We have to recognize that the incumbency dynamic associated with our existing resources and economy will require us to be far more strategic, far more generous, far more creative than even the moonshot required," stated Melissa Powers, professor of law and director of GEI. This urgent need for comprehensive and strategic change led the GEI team to organize *Tomorrow's Energy System*. The full-day conference featured elected officials, renewable energy and utility executives, regulators, and advocacy leaders who discussed the barriers to ambitious climate change mitigation and ways to overcome them.



Thank you so much to everyone who joined us, despite the snow! We appreciate not only the dynamic discussion coming from the panels but also the interesting conversations among attentive attendees. **Please visit our website to see more quotes, reflections, and photos from the day.**

Green Energy Institute Testifies to Promote the Successful Implementation of PURPA in Oregon

On January 31, GEI director Melissa Powers presented testimony to the Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC) to discuss the most successful means for implementing the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) in Oregon. GEI argued that technology and experience are pushing continual improvements in renewable energy production and efficiency, and Oregon's PURPA policies should encourage and capture these advancements. Furthermore, PURPA policies should focus on decreasing transactional costs, strategically using existing transmission infrastructure, ensuring fair transmission access, and encouraging the implementation of more efficient technologies in new and existing projects. GEI encouraged the PUC to view PURPA as a tool to enable ambitious, innovative, efficient renewable energy development in the state. [Visit our website to view the full Powerpoint presentation](#) with more recommendations on the effective implementation of PURPA policies in Oregon.



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