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Good morning, everyone. My name is Don Steinke

Topic 1, We currently have unprecedented levels of funding for clean energy projects. Last month, 150 solar projects around the state were funded including for churches, tribes, libraries, private schools and public service agencies. For that round of funding, the focus was on resiliency during emergencies and power failures. Only 3 projects were approved in Clark County. The Port of Camas-Washougal got one for solar at their airport, The Battleground School District got one for the CASEE center, and the City of Vancouver got one.

That was before big money was approved. There will be much more. My church wanted to participate but didn't know about it. We need more electricity. We could be getting more of this free electricity if staff was hired to help inform clients and facilitate the process.

Topic 2 I attended a Dept of Commerce workshop on Washington's Transportation Electrification Strategy. They've been charged with developing a strategy to help end the sale of new polluting cars by 2030 and do it equitably.

I suggested it was not equitable if the only option for some people was to use high-speed public charging stations. The Electrify America charging stations charge six times as much as you charge for home charging. We need a less expensive process for those living in multifamily developments with usually no way to charge where they sleep.

Topic 3 WSUV is developing a plan for charging stations. They asked for my suggestions. I referred them to your expert and to the Dept of Commerce.

Topic 4 Our legislature amended the Growth Management Act this year. The amendment requires that the 11 fastest growing counties, and all the cities in those counties with a population > 6000 to reduce ghg emissions in their planning

process. The legislature provided funding to cities and counties to hire staff to do the work.

The Dept of Commerce suggested 150 actions of which 80 were marked as top priority. IMO, they had two major omissions. Truck electrification and resource adequacy. They are revising their list.

Lastly, The Federal Government has appropriated \$7 billion for their *Solar-For-All* program. Washington applied for some of the funds. They're earmarked to benefit low-income communities. We'll know by next July how much we'll get.