

Exit Conference

Energy Northwest



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Independent, transparent
examinations



Improved efficiency and
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Accountability Audit Results

July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Using a risk-based audit approach, for the for the public utility district, we examined the following areas during the period:

1. Payroll – gross wages, overtime, incentive payments and distribution of benefits upon separation
2. Accounts payable –general disbursements, credit cards, and electronic funds transfers (EFT)
3. Procurement – public works, purchases and professional services
4. Open public meetings – compliance with minutes, meetings and executive session requirements
5. Financial condition – reviewing for indications of financial distress



Accountability Audit Results

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Results in Brief

Accountability Audit Report describes the overall results and conclusions for the areas we examined.

Unmodified Report: In those selected areas, Energy Northwest's operations complied, in all material respects, with applicable state laws, regulations, and its own policies, and provided adequate controls over the safeguarding of public resources.

In keeping with general auditing practices, we do not examine every transaction, activity, policy, internal control, or area. As a result, no information is provided on the areas that were not examined.



Related Audit Work



Review of
Independent
CPA firm
Audit

- July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021
- Audit Type: Financial Statement and Single Audit



Work of Other Auditors

- A financial statement and single audit was performed by Baker Tilly of CPA firm.
- We did not find anything about their work that caused concern about its quality.
- No limitations restricted our analysis of the other audit.
- Did not notice any instance in which a material misstatement of the financial statements has or may have resulted from fraud or suspected fraud.



Closing Remarks

- Audit costs are in alignment with our original estimate discussed at the entrance.
- Next audit: 2023
 - Accountability for public resources
 - CPA audit review

An estimated cost for the next audit has been provided in our exit packet.



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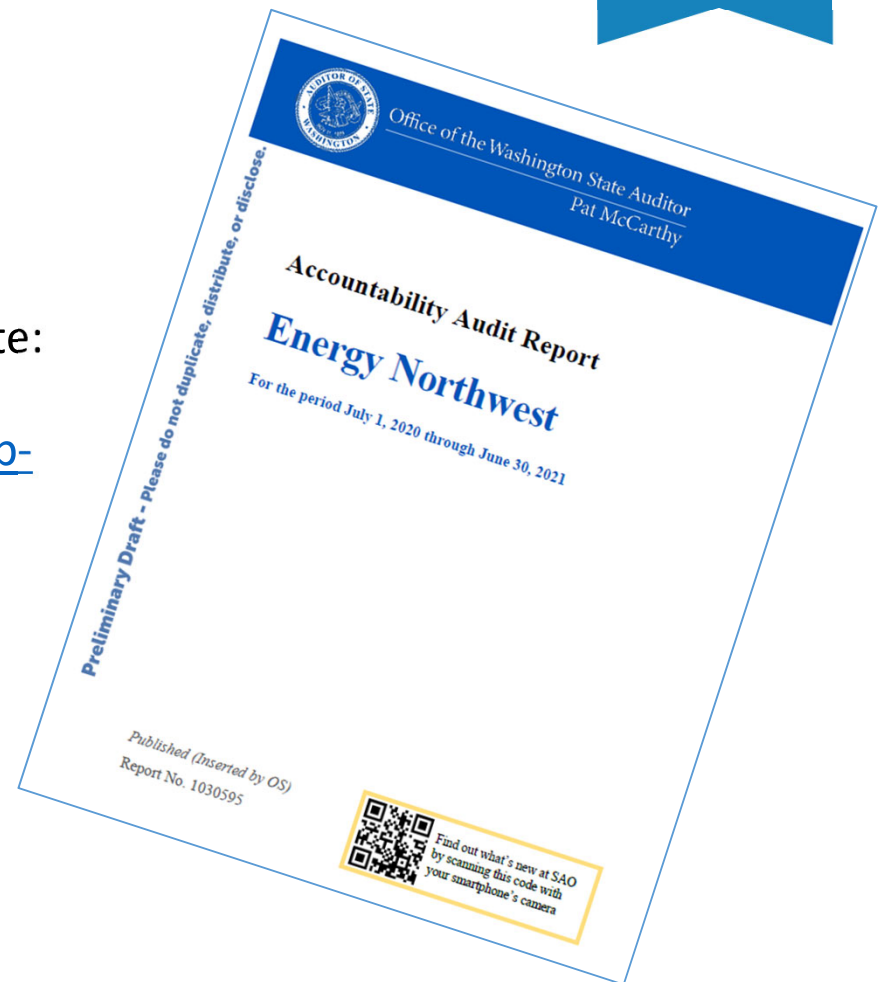
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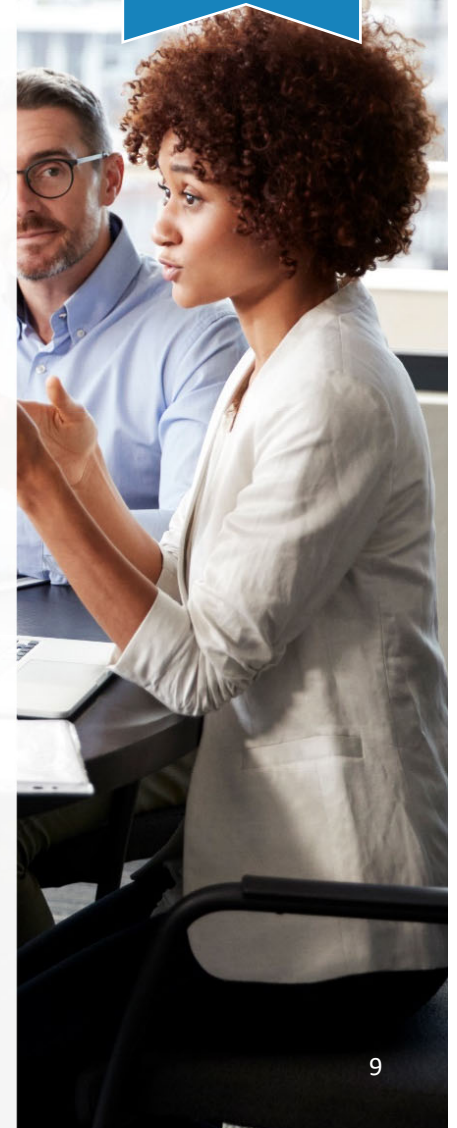
Working Together to Improve Government

Local Government Support Team

- BARS & Annual Online Filing
- Accounting and Reporting Training
- Client portal, including helpdesk

The Center for Government Innovation

- Process improvement facilitations
- Resources, tools and best practices
- Financial Intelligence Tool (FIT)
- Center@sao.wa.gov



Thank You!



- We thank Energy Northwest officials and staff for timely communications throughout the audit process.
- In particular, we would like to thank Karen Kessler, Johnathan Hicks and Jennifer McMann for cooperation and timely response to our requests during the audit.



Questions?



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