

# NEWS & VIEWS

## March 2021

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## Thursday, March 4th ORACCA meeting is virtual! 11:00AM

The March Utility Update meeting will be virtual, via Zoom, at 11:00AM, Thursday, March 4, 2021

The link for the meeting is:

JTopic: Utility Update

Time: Mar 4, 2021 11:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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### UTILITY UP

Chris Smith is a field engineer for Trade Ally Network NW(BPA commercial HVAC incentive programs) Chris's duties are many, but his main focus is working with contractors, distributors, manufacturers, and owners to identify energy saving opportunities in commercial buildings. The Network's goal is to help turn those opportunities into reality with help of incentives provided by from

local participating utilities. As part of ORACCA's annual utility review, Chris will discuss how the Network can identify and implement incentive programs. Joining Chris will be John Heflin, an outreach specialist for the Comfort Ready Home Program. explaining the Network's residential programs,

Chris Kroeker is an Emerging Energy Mgr. in the Renewable Energy Group at NW Natural. Chris holds both a BA and MA in mechanical engineering from the U of Manitoba and an MBA from the U of BC. Chris will be educating us on; Hydrogen the Fuel of the Future Today. Covering; What makes Hydrogen attractive as an energy carrier  
Where can we get Hydrogen  
What needs to be considered with Hydrogen  
Is Hydrogen safe?

Eric Falk, account manager for ETO Residential Retrofit Team, for the past 8 years will be presenting the 2021 incentives programs and changes single and multi-family retrofit applications. He will also introduce new commercial and multi-family contacts.

PGE will also be updating their incentive programs, however due to massive power outages we do not have any information regarding presenter.

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## What?

## March Utility Update Virtual Meeting

## March 4th

### ORACCA Update 2021:

Upcoming changes for  
Washington and Oregon

# Did You Know ...



Membership with ORACCA is a benefit for all members of the company!

To help keep your team well-informed with important industry news, special member perks and discounts, as well as training workshops and webinars opportunities -- we encourage our member companies to make all of their employees aware of ORACCA updates.

There are many benefits of an ORACCA membership. **Here are the top several mentioned by existing members.**

- 1. Networking with other contractors. This source of information is invaluable in handling problems within your own company. ORACCA members help fellow members to be successful**
- 2. Training discounts. Brazing Certification, NATE Certification, Manuals J, D, S and T Certification, CFC certification. Special pricing for members more than offsets the cost of membership.**
- 3. Medical insurance coverage. The ORACCA Health plan offers plans that could more than pay for your ORACCA membership.**
- 4. Many of our educational monthly meetings qualify for either NATE CEU's and/or CCB CE's**
- 5. Quarterly meetings with Oregon Code officials. Get your code enforcement questions answered here.**

Additional reason for membership are:

- Company membership applies to all employees of your firm
- Access to local experts from NW Natural, PGE, ETO and Local and State Building Code Division personnel for your technical and code questions.
- Monthly meetings with informative presentations that benefit both the Contractor and Supplier.
- Relevant technical training and educational classes.
- Monthly newsletters and email communications filled with industry information and updates.
- Reduced rates on materials, conferences, and training.



ORACCA distributes NEWS & VIEWS on a monthly basis to members and selected non-members, so that all those in the HVAC/R industry can keep informed of issues regarding our trade, and Chapter activities. We hope the non-members will see this newsletter as an example of the quality services that ORACCA provides. Contributions or suggestions can be faxed to Association Headquarters at 503-914-1999 or emailed to [dan@oracca.org](mailto:dan@oracca.org)



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These on demand training/testing sessions include the following:

**EPA 608 CFC Training/Test - Now Available!**

**NATE Training/Test Core, Gas Heat and Heat Pump**

Brazing Certification Test,

**Dur restictions on group meetings, Brazing testing date are to be determined.**

The wirtten retest is available on-line for those needing to retake just the written portion of the test. **Use this link to access via the website. <https://oracca.org/on-line-brazing-re-test-signup/>**

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**March 4th @ Virtual Meeting**

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