

Global Policy
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Equinix, Inc. is the world's digital infrastructure company. We connect leading businesses to their customers, employees and partners inside the world's most-interconnected data centers. As a digital leader, we are harnessing the power of technology and interconnection to create a more sustainable future for all. We are committed to protecting our planet, connecting everyone to the benefits of the digital world, and powering global trust and responsibility. This overview summarizes the key elements of Equinix's comprehensive Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change policy.

### Position

Equinix's Corporate Sustainability strategy is comprised of a set of interconnected environmental, social and governance (ESG) initiatives designed to create shared value for all stakeholders - our customers, partners, investors and employees. We understand that as a global leader in the data center industry, we have the opportunity to make a significant positive impact on our planet and address climate change. We continually innovate to reach our long-term commitment to reach 100% renewable energy, increasing efficiency in both our design and operations and ensuring resiliency for our customers. We are dedicated to protecting the planet and our collective future by partnering with like-minded companies to advance low-carbon energy policies, expand renewable energy procurement knowledge and encourage innovation towards a zerocarbon future.

### **Policy Overview**

Our multi-faceted environmental sustainability policy includes:

- Environmental Policies and Systems
- Climate Strategy
- Resource Efficiency
- Sustainability Reporting
- Governing Standards and Certifications
- Customers
- Suppliers
- Compliance and Accidental Pollution
- Advocacy and Collaboration



### Environmental Policies and Systems

Equinix is committed to operating our business and conducting our operations in an environmentally responsible manner. Through our Sustainability Program Office and various global and regional operations functions, our Environmental Management Systems (EMS), and local policies, we manage our environmental impacts and seek to drive improvements in environmental performance. Equinix also maintains a global Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) policy outlining our practices for preventing injury and ill health, eliminating hazards, preventing environmental, health and safety risks and providing a safe working environment.

### **Climate Strategy**

Equinix understands the urgency of global climate change as a threat and risk to our business and the entire world. We accept responsibility for our proportional share of greenhouse gas emissions, and we support the goal of urgent reduction across direct and indirect energy consumption. Equinix will set goals in line with what climate scientists report will be required by our sector to meet the Paris Accord climate targets and enable a transition to a low-carbon economy. Equinix's 100% renewable energy goal directly addresses our largest portion of emissions and we are committed to progress on this goal.

### **Resource Efficiency**

Equinix is committed to monitoring and improvring waste management practices and water use efficiency in our physical spaces. Equinix strives to reduce waste from our operations and looks to embed recycling, zero waste and circular economy principles across our organization to support our sustainable growth. Through thoughtful design and innovation, Equinix is enhancing our water efficiency and water conservation practices. Equinix is also committed to evaluating the water risk exposure of our operations, especially in water-stressed regions.

### **Sustainability Reporting**

Equinix publishes an annual Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)-aligned Sustainability Report to transparently report the ESG impacts of our operations, including our greenhouse gas emissions in line with the Greenhouse Gas Protocol, as well as to demonstrate our measurable progress towards our environmental goals and commitments. Equinix also measures and reports against key environmental metrics including power usage effectiveness (PUE) and our energy consumption, renewable energy coverage, and Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions which are third-party verified to ISO 14064-3 limited assurance annually since 2015. Other relevant metrics measured internally where available include water and waste. Equinix continues to evolve its reporting to meet the requirements of leading industry frameworks in use by our stakeholders such as investors and customers, and we actively share our progress by responding to numerous environmental and sustainability surveys and customer requests.

# Governing Standards and Certifications

Among other standards and requirements, Equinix certifies sites to:

- ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management Standard
- ISO 50001:2018 Energy Management Standard
- **ISO 14064-3:2019** Verification and Validation of Greenhouse Gas Statements
- EU Code of Conduct for Energy Efficiency in Data Centres

Equinix data centers and offices are designed to the highest global environmental and energy management standards, and our worldwide headquarters in California's Silicon Valley has earned LEED\* Gold Certification. LEED Silver accreditation or equivalent building standards are Equinix's policy for all new construction and we have also met certifications such as:

- BCA GreenMark Goldplus or better
- Green Globes 3 Globes or better

Equinix's data centers are built with high energy efficiency standards – with design average annual PUE targets of 1.45 or better in most markets for new construction. Many of our newest data centers perform even more efficiently than this. Equinix's Center of Excellence for Energy Efficiency is driving a global approach to enhance cooling efficiency and achieve PUE targets.



### Customers

Equinix partners with our customers to reduce their energy usage and associated greenhouse gas emissions by implementing best practices for the operational efficiency of customer equipment collocated in Equinix IBX data centers. Equinix also helps its customers quantify the environmental benefits of collocating within Equinix IBX data centers. Customers can request customized **Green Power Reports** that attest to estimates of their energy usage, renewable energy coverage and emissions in a calendar year.

### **Suppliers**

Our <u>Business Partner Code of Conduct</u> outlines the requirements for our suppliers. We expect our Business Partners to at a minimum comply with all local, state and federal environmental regulations. Business Partners should develop environmental and energy management systems and take steps to measure, report and manage their environmental footprints including their greenhouse gas emissions, energy consumption, water use, air pollution, and waste generation.

### Compliance and Accidental Pollution

Equinix meets or exceeds all local, regional and country regulations pertaining to the environment. We are committed to protecting the environment, preventing pollution and promoting resource efficiency including reuse, recycling and recovery of waste. Our compliance teams have documented processes to prevent accidental pollution of air, soil, and rainwater at facilities; and from the transportation of hazardous substances at facilities. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other regulatory body citations/ violations are readily addressed, although are rare and if occur are reported through our global compliance function.

### **Advocacy and Collaboration**

Equinix partners with like-minded organizations and companies to advance progress on reducing our sector's environmental impact. For example, we promote renewable energy-friendly public policies, educate our peers on low-carbon energy buying practices and share ideas for innovation. Equinix publicly discloses its memberships with industry and trade organizations with environmental-related advocacy activities.

### Conclusion

Our commitment to the environment, our renewable energy procurement and our sustainable innovations on design and operations have been recognized by industry and non-governmental organizations worldwide. More information on Equinix's environmental sustainability practices can be found at <u>sustainability.equinix.com</u>.

This information sheet sets forth Equinix's current practices and policies regarding the subject matter hereof as is not intended to form a contract.



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