

EPS WG II

10/1 Meeting Minutes, 19th Floor, PSC – Empire State Plaza, Albany

Meeting Setup/Preface

- Introductions (phone & in-person)
- Ground Rules reviewed
- Goals reviewed: inventory/assess existing programs and identify potential new programs, develop mid-course recommendations (early November), develop final recommendations (early December)

Process Discussion

- Reviewed role of this WG and those of WG I, WG III & WG IV: this discussion assumes cost recovery & cost allocation under WG I, program \$/MWh under WG II, program B/C methods/protocols under WG III, demand response (DR) under WG IV (no need for crossover subgroup at this point) as well as emerging technologies.
- Primary focus is on kWh reductions and program areas under PSC jurisdiction, but where appropriate should also include/describe/recommend opportunities to address 15X15 factoring in codes & standards, kW reduction opportunities, non-electric & gas savings (oil, propane, water), market driven programs, co-benefits, etc.
- How to encourage and account for background level of energy efficiency activity, outside of direct program efforts/impacts? How to quantify? Extent of activity that is persistent and subject to M&V?

Program Table: format & content suggestions (ad-hoc group to recommend template to group)

- Identify existing vs new programs
- Identify entity that suggests a new program and whether there is an in-state or out-of-state precedent
- For existing programs, add content describing historic & current participation rates (over or undersubscribed) and ramp-up potential and timing (projected rate of increase in program activity MWh reductions/yr) with consideration for extent to which costs and benefits are expected to continue to produce linear increases in program participation.
- Bring consistency to numbers reported and aggregate into common table/adjacent columns, w/ narrative portions also brought together.
- Include/add: discussion of potential constraints or concerns w/ program ramp-up, hotlinks for detailed program descriptions.

Data Sub-Group

- Members: (Alice M., David H., Michael D., Karen V., Charmaine C., Scott S.
- Tasked to initiate work responding to ALJ questions, collect/organize/assess data re: buildings, demographics, energy intensity.
- To the extent possible, collect/organize/assess data re: segmented electric load data, landlord tenant relationships.

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Program table review

- DHCR: level of funding discussed in proportion to kWh savings & cost/unit treated; sources of funding and programmatic and participant challenges related to lack of consistency and predictability of funding level. Also discussed: eligibility details, ramp-up capacity (and whether there may be bases other than funding to adjust program delivery) and consistency/comparability of B/C to SIR.
- NYPA: growth in program activity over the last few years expected to continue, combination of “turnkey” implementation and financing attractive to the public sector participants, cost recovery (for project implementation & financing, admin, A/E services, construction mgt, etc.) from participants via low cost (3.71% in 2007) financing model (primarily bonded funds for tax eligible participants). Program implementers and eligibility reviewed, new construction program not currently offered.

Other

- High performance guidelines (e.g. NYC DDC & NYS SED) for both building design and infrastructure, discussed as a promising and cost-effective vehicle to broadly influence new construction activities.
- PAYs on-bill financing to be a topic of discussion at 10/3 NGrid/Keyspan meeting
- Next meeting to include review of NYC proposed broad conceptual design (Plunkett/Chernick), new program ideas, and review of current energy efficiency programs – to be held on 10/15 in NYC @ DASNY offices (1Penn)

Meeting notes respectfully submitted by Peter Savio, NYSERDA