

EPS Work Group 2 Meeting Notes

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Notetaker: P. Carter, DPS

Program Inventory

- Inventory is in draft form on web page and will continue to be added to and refined over the next week (http://www.dps.state.ny.us/07M0548_programs_inventory.htm)
- Parties reminded to send in program summaries ASAP – both current in-state, out-of-state, and “other” program ideas.
- Noted that Reliant Energy has sent a description of programs they are administering or involved in.
- Discussed the possibility of recommending that some program inventory work continue as an ongoing task, both to find and add additional valuable program ideas and to further refine the consistency of the information and data.
- Judge Stegemoeller commented that he expected to see more items than in the current draft inventory and was interested if this reflects a general lack of information out there or other factors such as not enough time to pull information together or parties not bringing information to the table. John D’Aloia said he had more programs to be added in the next several days. Alice Miller added that the staff report looked at many programs around the country to see what works best; good idea to look at other programs that staff used to help develop the fast track programs. Don Gilligan stated, and group concurred, that most action is on the east and west coasts and that we generally have a pretty good handle on what’s going on around the country.

Data Subgroup

- Michael Delaney summarized the status of the data scoping efforts;
- Michael will have draft data report to WG2 by COB on Thursday

Other data subgroup comments

- David Hepinstall – the issue of data confidentiality needs to be addressed to allow better understanding of potential, as well as from a benchmarking standpoint and tracking
- Scott Smith, NYSERDA – raised the issue of marketing and outreach (program outreach) and the need to identify customers with high energy costs
- John D’Aloia reported on PSC resources; aggregate electric and gas usage data by customer class, available from utility annual reports to PSC; longer term potential leveraging of GIS resources, which are currently more focused on security and T&D reliability monitoring.
- Lou Cedrone reported Con Edison is looking at new marketing systems and data collection systems that were never looked at before; proprietary and confidentiality are large issues to get hands around.

- Keith Gordon, AG – agreed confidentiality is a big challenge; questioned that, besides Con Edison and efforts re “block and lot”, are there other similar efforts going on?
- Joy Zimmerman, ISO – worthwhile to keep in mind smart metering initiative(s)
- John D. – a key challenge will be to integrate data resources
- Group discussed issues related to information on residential accounts (in the aggregate) – something that could be considered
- Keith Gordon – residential privacy issue is analogous to similar issues with telco. Lifeline program; look at whether residential energy efficiency programs could take a similar approach

Review of Report Narrative

Various issues & comments discussed related to the draft recommendations, program attributes & gaps and opportunities

- Scott Smith – Recommendation re: programs designed in consideration of attributes and barriers
- Michael M. – upfront narrative on process; specific on gap attributes, barriers, recommendations going forward
- Karen V – executive summary brief paragraph on attributes, barriers and gaps, and more extensive section on recommendations (only in executive summary); barrier and gaps more detailed in other sections
- Should recommendations be included for what state should be doing (e.g., building code and standards issues) beyond what the PSC can do -- agreed
- Segment recommendations for work that needs to continue beyond 12/5, etc.
- Keith -- Suggestion: list obstacle and follow with recommendation of how to fix problem (ALJ to Commission)
- Judge Rudy S – have to recommend to the Commission of how to get to 15 X 15
- Alice M – need to look at both – programs and codes and standards
- *Recommendation re: gaps and opportunities – should be addressed; more work to be done – ok*
- *Recommendation re: conduct **potential study** – what characteristics do we think are important (list); use NG info; statewide potential study is not included*

- John D. – statewide study looking at technical potential
- What does “statewide” mean?
- Alice – re potential study – Optimal re potential gas study; on electric side a number of groups contracted to do potential studies for their piece (LIPA/NYPA); statewide study will need to include this; recommend study that cuts upstate vs. downstate separately; broad scale study; needs to be done pretty soon
- David – need to address urban vs rural as well
- Charmaine – value in looking at service by service territory basis
- Suggestion: Focus on economic potential and regional interests...
- Oil – should this be included in the potential study? Add propane too. Agree
- Ramp of best practices programs; look at market sectors
- Enough money in study to do what ever we said goals are for study – agree
- Coordination with existing efforts (e.g., CE \$100,000 gas efficiency program)
- Continue to work on inventory – suggestion to include matrix to summarize program data – will try to do after 12/5; have format (Clean Energy Initiative) to start with