

Notes from October 15, 2007 meeting
Working Group 2, EPS Proceeding
1 Penn Plaza, New York NY

Overall Status, schedule, progress, and upcoming deadlines

After introductions, Judge Stein addressed upcoming deadlines and other questions raised by the working group. Interim reports from each of the four working groups are due on November 4, 2007. Judge Stein explained that for the interim report, it should state our goals, status, where there is overlap with other working groups, program design and costs. For the interim report, WG 2 will provide an outline, bullet points, and a working document. It should include a list of programs or recommendations for establishing programs, and should include a program assessment structure.

At the December meeting, the working groups will report out the findings from the working group process. The final report should include findings, scoping, and a list of the universe of energy efficiency programs. It should also include a discussion of the common ground of a core group of programs and clear winners. The listings of existing programs should include costs, energy savings, confidence levels and overall targets. Group 2 should identify evaluation issues for group 3. For example, for new construction, what are the current market baselines. The reports should include an indication of how much time it would take to accomplish certain tasks. The fast track programs included in the Staff report should be included in the working group reports.

If there is disagreement within the working group, then those parties should explain why they feel differently. A joint meeting between working groups 2 and 3 should be held in order to find out what each working group is doing and to avoid gaps and overlap. The programs should align with the 2015 program goals.

General Discussion

- Major barriers to energy efficiency programs need to be identified in the reports. One example identified by PACE is the lack of “on-bill financing.”
- Michael Delany reported that the subgroup on data will report back to the working group in about a week.
- California and Vermont are already meeting the 15 by 2015 targets.

Conceptual Program Designs by NYC

John Plunkitt briefed the working group on the NYC proposed broad conceptual program design. One of the purposes of the report is to take advantage of opportunities via a market, not program approach. Markets are a group of buyers and sellers and to make this efficiency goal viable, we need to use the market based approach. Some specific areas were inadvertently omitted from the NYC report, such as solar thermal.

National Grid Inventory

Michael McAteer from National Grid walked us through its spreadsheet describing National Grid Massachusetts energy efficiency programs. Grid is the SBC administrator in Massachusetts and the Company has been administering these programs since 1990.

Next steps

- Teleconference next week to discuss NYSERDA's programs.
- Next meeting in Albany on October 29, 2007.
- At the Steering meeting, need to identify cross-working group issues and report back to the groups.

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