

**WGV Teleconference Meeting
Friday, September 12, 2008**

Attendees

Co-conveners: John D'Aloia (NY DPS)
& Frank Murray (NRDC/PACE)
David Hepinstall (Association for Energy Affordability)
Jim Rioux (Central Hudson)
Mark Dyen (CSG)
Janja Lupse (National Grid)
Eric Meini (National Fuel)
Nancy Nugent (NY CPB)
Aric Rider (NY DPS)
Cynthia McCarran (NY DPS)
Carolyn Sweeney (RG&E)
Michael Salony (NY DPS)
Emilio Petroccione (NYOHI)
Erin Hogan (NYSERDA)
Paul Belnick (NYPA)
Ashley Pillsbury (Office of Assemblyman Hevesi)
Arthur Pearson (E Cubed)

Load Forecast

The working group discussed the load forecast work.

Aric Rider: Recommends the latest ICF as our base.

Related issue - gas transmission customers (i.e. generators), and other factors are not fully included in ICF and other forecast data.

Any program before January 2007 should be considered embedded, and anything later incremental.

Consensus: Use the ICF forecast (latest quarterly report), informed by the Utility winter supply reports, perhaps as a sensitivity analysis of our data. The group should, if possible breakout the forecast by firm and non-firm, and upstate/downstate, if available.

Dissaggregation

- Joe McGowan Ed/O&R states their not in a position to break out further into residential and C&I, no further breakdowns can be provided short-term, although the company is working on this on a longer term basis. Firm vs non-firm breakdowns have been provided however.

- Ngrid/Janja – hard to do and not normally done for gas data, but Ngrid will be able to provide the data broken out.
- NYSEG/RG&E – not normally done, but was completed and submitted based on 1997 calendar year data broken down
- NFG - Eric/Meinl – will be able to do.

Staff – do we go down this path of breaking it down by class, given the short term difficulties by several utilities in assembling this data? Is it that important given the goal of developing a target?

Consensus: Very difficult in the short term to break out by customer class for this report, although parties recognize this will be increasingly important on a forward basis. The WG5 report will fully discuss these issues.

Other

NYPA/LIPA information data has been collected, via Nancy Nugent. Erin Hogan commented that the data is valuable historical data, including NYPA annual savings

NYPA: all their programs were started prior to 2007.

LIPA & NYPA do disaggregate gas savings from electric (Nancy will double-check). NYPA can breakout on a county-by-county basis.

Report Outline/Research and Writing assignments

Codes & standards: Cindy McCarran reported that Nadel/ACEEE did some work for DPS, based on 2003 data, including appliance standards. This work is on the record already, so WG5 will refer to that work in our report. Nancy Nugent stated there is a growing municipal emphasis on local codes and standards (both local standards and enforcement issues). The group will discuss these issues in the report and present any relevant estimates. Mark Dyen offered to assist in this effort.

Section VII – “Discuss how costs for new programs will be collected” – group will explore and report on the issues, which will also be explored in Section IV.

The group otherwise affirmed the report outline, including adding an introductory section that explains gas-specific-issues; differences between gas and electric sectors.

Next Meeting (Wednesday, September 17th, Albany, 10-3)

- Morning – Discuss policy issues & Staff’s forecast & wedge assessment; Discuss additional topic raised at the September 5th re: future potential gas savings, given future funding potential. This is based on discussion in which

Bruce Johnson of National Grid stated his view that there is additional gas potential available, given more resources and money.

- Afternoon – Go in detail through the outline, and assign volunteers for report writing
- Cindy McCarran/Frank Murray (with help from the group) to draft the introductory section