

# NOTES

## USB FACE-TO-FACE

February 03, 2009

*Facilitator:* Mira Vowles

*Attendees:* Chris Aiken, Dan Villalobos, Doris Abravanel, Teresa Lackey, Mark Ralston, Darroll Clark, Wes Thomas, Rob Roy, Bob Kajfasz, Karen Meadows, Jack Callahan, Lloyd Meyer

*Attendees for Specific Topics:* Lauren Gage, Becky Clark, Mike Rose, Sarah Moore, Josh Warner

TOPICS	SPEAKER
<p><b>Utility IRP Resources</b></p> <p><i>Summary of Action Items and Decisions:</i> BPA will contract with a consultant and will present on the topic at the Utility Summit. There may also be a brown bag presentation.</p>	<p>Lauren Gage</p>
<p><b>Summit in March</b></p> <p><i>Summary of Action Items and Decisions:</i> Change the title of the final roundtables, and hold another group planning call Monday Feb 9 to discuss unfilled panel seats. Look for speaker from federal level regarding DOE funds, provisions of the Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and tax incentives.</p>	<p>Becky Clark</p>

## Simplifying Residential Measures

*Summary of Action Items and Decisions:* Sarah reviewed the progress and findings of the Residential Simplification project. Overarching issues included: there are over 1,030 Residential measures in the PTR, it's challenging for utilities to find what they need, it's challenging for BPA to provide maintenance for this many measures, however, reducing measures may remove kWh opportunities and may be poorly timed for utilities working toward HWM.

Sarah provided a summary of a sampling of measures and their activity. For example, with 40 freezer measures available, utilities are only utilizing four. Other examples included: electric water heater, showerhead, lighting fixture and HVAC measures.

Another factor to consider is that the PTR system is currently under review and may need to be modified or replaced after the next rate period. Perhaps we should not make changes to the current PTR system now, but wait and incorporate them into the next version.

Sarah presented three options for action:

- A. Do nothing now, wait until after the next rate period, or
- B. Address measures with low impact and potential benefit; and
- C. Focus on creating a more flexible, user system for the next version.

USB generally agreed that options B & C presented the best overall benefit and mitigated negative impact to utilities.

They advised Sarah to consider the following next steps:

1. Freezers: with such low activity, consider dropping this measure to 1 Any Style.
2. Electric water heaters: consider revising these measures to 2 storage and 4 "marathon". Consider increasing WTP and providing flat credit/reimbursement for simplicity.
3. Showerhead: revise current offer of 9 measures down to 2 (electric/gas water heat) and drop the bucket test.
4. Lighting fixtures: due to rising interest in retail oriented programs, no reduction in measures is recommended at this time.
5. HVAC measures: although there are over 670 HVAC measures (and rising), instead of prioritizing the reduction of the measures, we should prioritize correcting errors, decreasing the confusion in the naming of measures, and identify missing measures. Also, provide an update for the Electronic Line Voltage Thermostat specification to provide clarity for this measure.

Sarah  
Moore

## Improving USB Effectiveness and Changes to the USB Charter

### *Summary of Action Items and Decisions:*

- USB Charter changed to reflect suggested perspective wording and sunset date changed to September 2011.
- Will talk with Sector Leads about using Sector based focus-groups.

Mira Vowles

## Post 2011 Debriefing

### *Summary of Action Items and Decisions:*

- Presented overview of January 27th kickoff meeting in Portland.
- Outlined process moving forward with regional meetings and collaborative meetings that were yet to be scheduled.

Josh  
Warner

## The New Conservation Contract & 4/1/ Implementation Manual

### *Summary of Action Items and Decisions:*

- Provided an overview of the Energy Conservation Agreement structure, a schedule for review of the agreement, the agreement and a list of Questions and Answers.
- Discuss proposed procedural changes for Direct Acquisition agreements, introduced a CRC repayment option relating to Direct Acquisitions, and a proposed change from the Administrative Allowance to a performance payment.

Mike Rose

## 2009 RTU Service Pilot

### *Summary of Action Items and Decisions:*

- Will continue to use Brown Bag conference calls to announce pilots.
- Will address concerns about utility branding.
- Will let TSP consultants know about the upcoming 2009 RTU Service Pilot.
- For region-wide offering, teach utilities to run their own program.

Mira Vowles  
& Wade  
Carey

## USB Business

### *Summary of Action Items and Decisions:*

- Will send new member contact info to leaving members.
- Will invite new members to be on 3/11 call.

Mira Vowles