

USB CONFERENCE CALL

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TOPICS	SPEAKER
<p>PTR Strategy Thanks to the USB for all the great feedback on the PTR strategy. We will check back in with the USB in a few months to give an update and review the requirements and options</p>	<p>Lauren Gage</p>
<p>ESG Switch to DA Big project for 6 months – Convert all 80 utilities to Direct Acquisition – not done</p> <p>Background: Contract ends Sept. – Very Interested in extending 2 years - We're not done yet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More savings to be tapped • Major chains yet to penetrate (Safeway) • New measures coming (re-commissioning, Smart Defrost controllers, strip curtains) • Better offer – boosted incentives <p>Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capture more operational efficiencies (for PEI) – help get better price • Seamless implementation across rate periods (no stop 9/30/09) • Achieve our 3 aMW goal (FY09) • Direct Acquisition was chosen approach – task was to transition utilities • DA is the only way to participate in ESG after September <p>Results after 6 months: 80 utilities participating – only half signed Consent Agreements -We need the other half</p> <p>Help came in form of 2 major changes in April Implementation Manual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1) CRC Repayment Option – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows flexibility to optimize use of CRC • Utilities choose repayment amount up to total of DA costs • Utilities elect this option in an email • Once per year BPA notifies utilities of DA costs and savings • Utility sends written confirmation indicating dollar amount to repay • BPA sends an invoice for that amount • Utility repays BPA 	<p>Gary Smith</p>

- Utility claims amount and savings toward their CRC
- 2) Simpler process to switch to DA
 - New Request & Acknowledgement procedure - no more Consent agreements
 - Simply email request to COTR
 - COTR email replies with confirmation

Work with both groups

- Half that signed DA Consent Agreements – need to elect CRC repayment
- Half that never signed DA – need to reconsider it (w/sweetened offer of CRC Repayment)

Question for feedback:

How best to complete this transition process?

- Thinking EERs lead out
- Follow-up with an April Brown Bag
- Set a deadline of May 15

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS AND FEEDBACK: USB advised staff to lead out with EERs on transition to DA, and not pursue a Brown Bag meeting

Brainstorming Residential Priorities for October 2009

Sarah F. Moore, Residential Sector Lead, briefly discussed the impacts of the timing of the 6th Power Plan. Because the final version of the 6th Power Plan will not be available until sometime in August, BPA program changes for FY10 will most likely be delayed. Sarah reviewed the changes and improvements to Residential measures that were accomplished for the October 2008 and April 2009 updates and asked utilities for their ideas and needs looking forward. Ideas supported by USB members included: low income measures under CAA, continuing the CAL-Specialty promotion, considering a regional Energy Star fixture promotion, addressing consumer electronics, evaluating solar hot water for cost effectiveness, considering a Whole House Performance approach, and moving forward on regional support for LEDs and Heat Pump Water Heaters.

Sarah Moore

Commercial Sector Transition Planning

Ray Hartwell discussed the transition of leadership in the commercial sector and solicited input on areas where programs could be improved or launched. In the ensuing discussion, USB members suggested exploring a streetlight replacement program, expanding the commercial insulation/shell measure offerings, and leveraging both federal and state tax credits to stimulate investment in commercial sector efficiency projects.

Ray Hartwell

New Industrial Program:

- BPA is FTE constrained, needs additional workforce for industrial, thus the third party contractor.
- RFO closes on April 28th to hire a third party contractor.

Jennifer Eskil

- Phase I, June through Sept 2009, is to develop the New Industrial Program with the third party. The Industrial Utility Focus group will provide design input. Phase II, beginning Oct 1, is implementation.
- BPA will be offering several utility options.
- The Contractor will not "go around" the utility to the industry.

Distribution System Efficiency Initiative (DSEI):

- BPA will be creating 6-month DSEI/CVR work plan as an outcome of NEET.
- A Regional DSEI/CVR workgroup and strategy will be developed.
- BPA will be hosting 7 DSEI/CVR education and training workshops in the Region. WSU will be handling logistics. Let EER know if interested.
- Contract underway to look at simplifying CVR protocol.
- Contract underway to evaluate existing NEEA CVR calculator.
- City of Milton Freewater participating in a demonstration.