

# BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements, August 30, 2012

## Events

### **Energy Smart Awareness Brown Bag**

#### **Presentation of utility feedback on Residential Weatherization Specifications - results from six sub-regional meetings held in June 2012 -**

During the month of June, the Residential team met with six sub-regional groups of utility representatives to discuss the RTF's 2011 update to the Residential Weatherization Specification. There will be two presentations on this topic. On September 13th the topic is covered as a Brown Bag. For those that cannot participate on that date, there is a repeat of this presentation on September 18th. This brown bag will provide a summary of feedback captured at the June meetings, present major themes and preferences expressed by utility participants, and provide details on BPA's next steps. These presentations are for all utilities, those who participated in the sub-regional meetings as well as those who were not able to attend... [More](#)

## General

### **Please send us your Lighting Calculators -**

BPA is asking customers to submit all outstanding lighting calculators by Friday, Sept. 7, 2012 to reduce a backlog of FY12 reporting. Based on customer feedback, specification cut sheets are no longer required for high-performance deemed lighting measures in Category A under BPA's Program Offerings Sheet.

BPA still requires all measures listed under Category A to be high performance and for utilities to record model numbers in the notes section of the lighting calculator. Those without model numbers will be returned to the utility for correction.

For non-standard measures, cut sheets will still be required for pre-approval. After approval from the COTR, the utility no longer needs to keep a copy of the cut sheet in their records or submit documentation to BPA... [More](#)

### **Performance Payment and Progress Payment Calculators -**

BPA has created the Performance Payment and Progress Payment Calculators for utilities to assist in reporting detailed data to BPA. Both Calculators are subject to the previously released File Naming Convention Tool. These tools can be found in the [Implementation Manual Document Library](#) (Section 3 - General Requirements).

The Performance Payment Calculator only is needed when a utility requests an amount less than the maximum allowable amount per invoice. Performance Payment amounts are \$.04 per kWh for non - Small, Rural, Residential



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(non-SRR) utilities versus \$.08 per kWh for Small, Rural, Residential (SRR) utilities. The total of all performance payments is capped at 30% of the rate period implementation budget for SRR customers and at 20% of the rate period implementation budget for non-SRR customers.

The Progress Payment Calculator allows utilities to submit detailed information for the qualifying pre-approved progress payments. Progress payments are a mechanism utilities can utilize to smooth out end user payment for large commercial and industrial customer programs and/or projects. In order to qualify for progress payments, the project must have the following attributes: 1) The time period from the BPA custom project proposal approval date to the completion report submittal date meets or exceeds 12 months; 2) The amount of each progress payment is \$100,000.00 or greater; 3) The estimated incentive for the project is \$250,000.00 or greater; 4) The sum of the progress payments does not exceed the lower of (a) 70% of actual expenditures of the project incurred up to the date of the progress payment invoice to BPA or (b) 50% of the estimated total project incentive.

### **BPA Fiscal Year 2012 Close Out -**

BPA's fiscal year close-out requirements and our fiduciary responsibility to the U.S. Treasury dictate that all invoices to be paid using FY12 funds must be received by BPA no later than Sept.19, 2012. Customers may submit invoices to [eedocs@bpa.gov](mailto:eedocs@bpa.gov) after this date but, for BPA internal accounting purposes only, BPA will consider invoices received after Sept. 19, 2012 as part of our FY13 expenditures. Please note, individual utility Energy Efficiency Incentive (EEI) allocations for the rate period remain unchanged. If you could submit any outstanding invoices you may have to us any time before Sept. 19, it will be greatly appreciated.

### **Status of the Unassigned Account -**

The Unassigned Account is a repository managed by BPA for Energy Efficiency Incentive (EEI) funds that are not assigned to customers, e.g., EEI funds returned by a customer utility to BPA. Pursuant to the [Post-2011 Implementation Program](#), at month 5, month 11, and month 17 of a rate period, BPA will notify customers of how many funds are in the Unassigned Account. At this time, month 11, there are no funds in the Unassigned Account. The next update will take place at month 17. If, at any time, during the rate period, a customer decides to return EEI funds to BPA, it can do so by using the COTR Request and Acknowledgement Procedure.

## **Reminders**

### **Energy Efficiency Video Brown Bags -**

The EE Marketing Team is pleased to announce the launch of a new communication tool designed to act as an alternative or addition to our traditional brown bag webinars. These recordings are similar to Brown Bags in that subject matter experts will give a 5-15 minute presentation of a slide deck and a voice over recording will provide the context that would normally be given during a webinar. The videos can be accessed at anytime and will be posted on the [BPA Training YouTube channel](#), [EE Website](#), and [Conduit](#), where the discussion that typically follows a Brown Bag can be hosted virtually. This format is designed to be an effective alternative to a Brown Bag in cases where the information being given is expected to remain pertinent for an extended period of time and

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when few questions would be expected. The first example of a video brown bag covering BPA's plan for implementing GSFL standards is now available [here](#).

### **Complimentary passes to the upcoming E Source Forum -**

For the past several years BPA has sponsored E Source memberships for the public utilities of the Northwest. With this membership you have access to a variety of resources from E Source, including their Efficiency and Demand Response Programs Service and Technology Assessment Service. Additionally BPA's utility customers have access to a limited number of complimentary passes to E Source events including the upcoming E Source Forum which is being held on October 2-5 in Denver, Colorado... [More](#)

## **Conduit Content**

Check out these recent articles currently being shared on Conduit.

[Fast Forward to the Future: The Customer-Focused Approach](#)

This informative article discusses how you can take a customer focused approach to energy efficiency.

[A Great Day for Residential Energy Efficiency!](#) The Pacific Northwest National Lab (PNNL), launched a new energy efficiency project that will demonstrate the most cost-effective measures for the residential sector.

Not a member? [Register with Conduit](#) today to join the discussion, post your own content, collaborate on projects, and network with peers.

## **E Source Resources**

### **What are today's most promising technologies for energy efficiency?**

With accurate and unbiased information, this recorded [Tech Roundup 2012 webinar](#) brings you a great lineup of the most exciting energy-efficiency developments of the past six months.

Many E Source resources are free to BPA customers. By [logging in to E Source](#) you have access to more webinars, research reports, a national DSM program database, and personalized answers to your and other utility's most important questions. [Get started here](#).

