
Utility Sounding Board (USB) Gathering
April 13, 2011 (8:30 – 10:30 a.m. PDT)
Conference Call

EE Plan

Inform – Danielle Gidding

- Time to update plan -original release on 2/2010.
- Updating for 2012. The objective is to have the EE Plan update completed by October 1st.
- Per the Post 2011 program, the EE Plan update will be a collaborative planning process with BPA utility customers.
- One enhancement is to update historic regional savings; BPA will work internally with sector leads to better understand shifting savings targets for each sector.
- Energy savings in the plan are not directly tied to 6th plan potential. Programs are not directly aligned with potential targets for a host of reasons.
- BPA will send out a draft out for review in September –any interested parties are welcome to participate.
- Change: The EE Plan will have a stronger programmatic focus instead of a general overview of BPA Energy Efficiency.
- Interested individuals can review the current version [here](#).

EE Utility Summit

Update – Maggie Bagan

- Vendor registration is sold out (14 tables). BPA has started a wait list in the event more tables are added or currently registered vendors are unable to attend. A list of registered vendors will be emailed to the USB as an FYI.
- Attendee registration is currently at 80. BPA is planning to push a communication out to the region to encourage registration (Program Marketing Weekly Announcement). This will go out on Thursday (4/14) with an updated agenda and associated speakers/panelists.
- Award submissions - approximately 9 submissions. Award voting will occur on 4/22. The EE Award presentation will happen on Day 2 of the summit.
- Keynote speaker update – Jon Kitzhaber is scheduled for day two. BPA is still working on a Day one keynote speaker. Please stay tuned.
- USB panel moderators? Two USB members (R. Holter and D. Villalobos) have offered to be panel facilitators.

Conduit

Inform – Summer Goodwin

www.conduitnw.org

- USB is the first group created.
- Groups tab in upper right corner / or click on the more tab.
- General update on USB content - grouping content together.
- Group trainings are queued up for users/group managers.
- Need to go in and join the USB group. Currently, the USB is a public group. USB supports keeping the group public as Conduit is a good communication tool for reinforcing the work the USB does/is doing.

- Conduit content contest - NEEA hosting competition. Comments don't count in the contest - content focused.
- **May 10** launch - visit web site, create an account - ideally a profile.
- Request: A functionality cheat sheet – perhaps a video with screen shots to assist users navigate the site until the process becomes a routine.
- Conduit is a powerful tool to create a dialogue and foster collaboration for energy efficiency. The USB can maximize its impact by utilizing Conduit to its fullest.

Commercial Sector Update

Update – Ray Hartwell

- Custom Project channel - Allie Robbins, recently hired to enhance this path. CPP never centrally managed, geared towards customer service path. Opportunity to standardize "common" custom projects.
- USB shared experiences and thoughts on current Custom Project Path, please contact Allie to share insights/ areas for improvement.
- Current path - work through your assigned engineer.
- Potential new path - more centralized approach will better insights into process to ensure an efficient operation for all parties involved.
- Commercial new construction lighting calculator issues/concerns - room specificity is difficult to input. For example, a single space with a diversity of lights (some qualify/ some do not). This dynamic is extremely challenging and time consuming into the calculator.

PTCS Heat Pump Measure Changes

Discuss – Mark Johnson

- Discussed changes in the April 1, 2011 [Implementation Manual](#).
- Some USB members were blindsided by changes (for examples, customers in heating zone 3, cooling zone 1). As a result, the utility is considering a shift of incentive of \$500 directly to vendors/installers instead of members.
- October changes overview - HP, new construction.
- Built Green and ES home update. Which one is a better choice for the utility? A discussion needs to occur between NEEA and BPA to interpret the specification and clearly communicate the distinction/requirements of both paths.

Open Forum

Discussion – All

- May USB meeting will be moved to the afternoon before the Summit. The May meeting will occur on Monday, May 9th. The exact time is yet to be determined (dependent on the number of agenda topics)

-End at 10:10 a.m.-

Please contact your [EER](#) for additional information