BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements March 24, 2022

New

Reminder: Promos ending in March

As a final reminder, BPA's promotional incentives on residential and commercial HVAC measures as well as promotional performance payment rates will expire as of March 31, 2022.

- Measures submitted after March 31 with completion dates prior to this deadline will still qualify for promotional incentives
- Performance payment rates are calculated at the time of invoice, and any submissions received after March 31 will reflect standard (non-promotional rates)

We have been communicating with our implementation partners to ensure a smooth transition, but if you have any questions or need additional support, please reach out to your energy efficiency representative.

Temporary change in requirements - ductless heat pump conversions and upgrades

Due to supply chain issues, ductless heat pump, or DHP, manufacturers are using different factories to produce DHPs resulting in a new model number. These models are available in the marketplace and meet BPA requirements, however, there are delays in getting the associated AHRI certifications. In an effort to prevent utilities from having to process a large number of exceptions and submit COTR acknowledgment requests during this challenging time, BPA developed a temporary process allowing products that meet BPA's requirements to be accepted without an AHRI certificate. This process will be available to BPA utilities on April 1, 2022, and will remain active throughout the rate period...<u>More</u>

Conduit website sunsets September 2022

The Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, or NEEA, and Bonneville Power Administration staff that make up the Conduit Management team have made the decision to sunset the Conduit website in September 2022. After that time, members will no longer be able to access resources available on the website.

All necessary materials should be migrated off the website no later than August 12, 2022. <u>Please view the FAQ on Conduit for more information</u>.

The Conduit Management team would like to thank all users for their engagement over the years. By participating in regional Groups, Communities, Job Postings and more, the Conduit community has helped keep the Northwest engaged and connected to further



energy efficiency throughout the region. Although the site is sunsetting, members can keep up with NEEA and BPA activities through the following channels:

- <u>Subscribe to NEEA's communication lists</u>
- Keep up with BPA through the weekly EE announcements

If you are a manager of an existing group or have any questions not answered in the FAQ, please contact us at <u>help@conduitnw.org</u>.

Events

EFX22 Keynote and Plenary Session

EFX22 is pleased to present Dr. Carolyn Snyder for this year's keynote, Thursday, April 14. Dr. Snyder serves as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. Dr. Snyder leads a diverse energy efficiency program and R&D portfolio that includes advanced manufacturing, building technologies, federal energy management, low-income weatherization and intergovernmental partnerships.

Friday, April 15, Alliance to Save Energy President Paula Glover, will moderate Active Efficiency: The Future of Energy Efficiency. This plenary session dives into the changing state of energy efficiency and the plethora of new opportunities and needs. Now is the time to build an active efficiency future that more fully optimizes energy use to address the challenges of decarbonization, grid reliability and energy affordability, with Active Efficiency approaches including digitalization, beneficial electrification and distributed energy resources.

<u>View the complete agenda</u> with topics featuring the latest in dual-fuel efficiency, updates on federal energy policy, addressing equity in residential programs, and findings from the 2021 Power Plan.

General

NW Ductless Heat Pump Installer list is transitioning to Comfort Ready Home

The planned transition of the NW Ductless Heat Pump Installer List is wrapping up. On April 1, the NW Ductless Heat Pump Project and its resources will be retired...<u>More</u>