

BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements February 2, 2023

New

Efficiency Exchange 2023 registration is now open

Efficiency Exchange 2023, or EFX23, will be a hybrid conference for in-person and virtual attendees on May 2-3. The in-person event will be held at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland.

EFX23 is the premier networking and learning conference for energy efficiency professionals from across the Northwest brought to you by the Bonneville Power Administration, NEEA and the Northwest Power and Conservation Council. Attendees from public and private utilities, consulting and research firms, government and non-profit organizations come together to learn and connect to help the region more effectively achieve its energy efficiency goals.

Early bird pricing for in-person attendees of utilities, government and non-profits is \$350 (beginning March 29, registration will raise to \$450). Registration for all virtual attendees is \$250.

In addition, EFX 2023 is pleased to announce two exceptional leaders in energy efficiency will be this year's conference keynote speakers. Maria Pope, CEO PGE and Ashley Armstrong, Senior Advisor for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). As CEO, Maria Pope leads PGE's strategy to create clean, affordable energy Oregon customers expect, while keeping reliability and resiliency at the forefront of the company's planning efforts. Ashley Armstrong provides oversight to DOE's Appliance Standards Program, appliance equipment testing, and DOE's work on energy efficiency and clean energy use related to the built environment. For more information and the complete conference agenda, [click here](#).

Performance Tested Comfort Systems sun setting

BPA's Performance Tested Comfort Systems, or PTCS, will officially be sun setting Sept. 30, 2023, coinciding with the end of the current rate period. In its 25 year history, the PTCS program has certified hundreds of thousands of Heat Pump installations, trained thousands of contractors and significantly transformed the residential heat pump market in the Pacific Northwest successfully leveraging this energy savings HVAC technology.

The sun setting of the PTCS program marks a giant and unique success story in energy efficiency market transformation with many people instrumental to the success of the program over the years. While this is not the end of BPA's heat pump program, it is a turning point needed to address new and evolving market needs and trends. Heat pumps



will continue to be an integral part of BPA's strategy in the region to meet aggressive climate and energy policy goals.

A formal IM Change Notice announcement will be posted April 1, 2023. Projects must be fully completed, entered into the PTCS Registry and "BPA-approved" by 9/30/23 to be eligible for PTCS incentives (no exceptions).

Future details will be provided in the April 1 Change Notice. For more information, please refer to the [FAQ document](#) and stay tuned for additional announcements.

BEETS Transition Support Changes Starting Feb. 1

As BEETS is now fully live and stable, BPA will be shifting from larger group offerings to more 1:1 support. The following adjustments will be made to the transition support starting on February 1:

- Drop-In Office Hours will no longer be offered Mon – Wed
- BEETS@bpa.gov will no longer be in use for customer support purposes

Customers are encouraged to contact their EER directly with any questions, issues or feedback. The EE Team will continue to evaluate transition support needs and adjust as needed. This may include revisiting the need for additional live trainings and office hours in the future. Feedback is welcome.

Minor updates made to the BEETS UES Template, UES Measures List, and Navigation Guide

Due to some findings and improvement opportunities that were identified, the EE Team has made some minor changes to the following BEETS Templates and Training Materials as detailed below:

- UES Measures List: Update a few measures that had inaccurate measure information
- UES Template:
 - Updated UES Measures List (per edits described above)
 - Updated 'Start of Last Rate Period' reference to 'Measure Completion Date Must be After
- BEETS Navigation Guide:
 - Added section on 'Oversight'
 - Minor formatting fixes
- BEETS Workflow Status Glossary
- Added definition for Application Completed

Feel free to reach out to your EERs with any questions or concerns. Please reference the updated versions of these documents on the [BEETS site](#) (under [BEETS Templates and Tools](#) and [BEETS Training Materials and Support Resources](#))

Comfort Ready Home Training Opportunities Expo

Join us for an Efficiency Exchange Pre-Conference event. One day before EFX23, Comfort Ready Home is hosting a fun and educational Training Opportunities Expo!...[More](#)

General

Additional Guidance on Oversight in BEETS

With the BPA Energy Efficiency Tracking System (BEETS) now online, the EE team would like to take the opportunity to provide some additional guidance on how oversight is conducted in the new system. As many customers are aware, oversight is the review process that BPA performs on a sample set of applications and projects to verify that measures were ordered, purchased and installed in compliance with BPA's statutory and financial obligations. Some commonly asked questions are addressed [here](#).
