



*BPA Energy Efficiency Announcement:*

## **Small, Rural and Residential Load-Dominated Utility Task Force makes recommendations**

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Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Energy Efficiency, in consultation with the Public Power Council (PPC), created the Small, Rural, and Residential Load-Dominated Utility Task Force. The purpose of the task force was to address concerns raised by the PPC around the difficulty some small, rural and residential load-dominated utilities experience in spending their Conservation Rate Credit (CRC) funds. The task force's mission was to develop strategies, programs and services to address this issue. In August 2008, BPA staff began this work with five PPC-designated utility representatives, including:

- > Van Ashton (Idaho Falls Power Company/IDEA)
- > Steve Holmes (Northern Wasco County PUD)
- > Ross Holter (Flathead Electric Cooperative)
- > Mattias Jarvegren (Clallam County PUD)
- > Bob Pierce (Clearwater Power Company)

Over a two-month period the task force worked with the PPC to identify the conservation-related challenges facing small, rural, and residential load-dominated utilities, and to develop consensus recommendations aimed at addressing these challenges. BPA Energy Efficiency staff facilitated the discussions, and results were presented to the Utility Sounding Board (USB) in December 2008.

BPA Energy Efficiency has reviewed those recommendations and will take the following actions:

<b>Task force recommendation:</b>	<b>BPA action:</b>
Establish more CFL opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Create bulk-purchase and direct-shipment CFL programs through Change a Light Northwest. <i>Available Jan. 1, 2009.</i> <a href="#">See the announcement</a></li> <li>&gt; Increase credit/reimbursement for specialty CFL bulbs. <i>Available Jan. 1, 2009</i></li> </ul>
Increase credit and reimbursement incentives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Increase credits/reimbursements an average of 48% on Commercial &amp; Industrial (C&amp;I) Lighting. <i>Available April 1, 2009.</i> <a href="#">See the announcement</a></li> <li>&gt; Ongoing evaluation of residential sector incentives.</li> </ul>
Review Regional Technical Forum (RTF) assumptions on heat pumps and weatherization measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Offer new measures for heat-pump conversions and increased credit/reimbursements for windows. <i>Available April 1, 2009</i></li> </ul>
Increase user-friendliness of the Planning, Tracking and Reporting (PTR) system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; PTR updates are ongoing. See the November 2008 <a href="#">Brown Bag presentation</a> for a list of 2007 and 2008 updates.</li> <li>&gt; BPA engaged a consultant to provide strategic and technical support to develop a long-term plan for planning, tracking and reporting energy efficiency accomplishments. <i>Report due October 2009</i></li> </ul>

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<b>Task force recommendation:</b>	<b>BPA action:</b>
Provide more BPA consultation support in assisting small utilities spend CRC credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Hold Brown Bag Session on new CFL opportunities. <i>Early 2009</i></li> <li>&gt; Facilitate a roundtable discussion at the 2009 Utility Summit. <i>March 2009</i></li> <li>&gt; Energy Efficiency Representatives will continue to consult with small utilities on easy-to-implement opportunities including showerheads, CFLs and appliance rebates.</li> </ul>
Provide more C&I Lighting opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Increase credits/reimbursements an average of 48% on C&amp;I Lighting (see above).</li> <li>&gt; Simplify C&amp;I Lighting calculator. <i>Phase 1: April 1, 2009. Phase 2: FY2010</i></li> <li>&gt; Develop turnkey C&amp;I Lighting pilot project. <i>Oct. 1, 2009 (est.)</i></li> </ul>
Develop an online resource for shared marketing materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Create a Web site where utilities can share ideas and files. <i>Oct. 1, 2009 (est.)</i></li> </ul>

BPA Energy Efficiency will continue to review and respond to the following recommendations:

- > Explore opportunities to provide additional consultation to small utilities
- > Develop centralized rebate processing services for appliance and manufactured home rebates
- > Increase the number of deemed and other easily implemented measures in the commercial, agriculture and industrial sectors

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