

Oversight of Fiscal Year 2014 Activity

We appreciate your partnership in acquiring EE savings. As a part of that partnership BPA conducts oversight to make sure the program is working smoothly, and that the savings we achieve as a region provide a reliable resource. In the coming weeks BPA will begin conducting oversight on FY 2014 savings. Last year BPA piloted a new approach with a small a group of customers. This year we will build upon that foundation with improvements based on the input we received. We appreciate your help with this process.

FY 2014 Oversight Process

- BPA will once again offer the option of electronic file transfer or in person review by their COTR.
- BPA will only review UES measures invoiced in FY14, including self-funded measures. Oversight will not include site-specific savings such as lighting calculators or custom projects.
- BPA will select measures for oversight review based upon the invoice input rows with the highest savings submitted by each utility.
- COTRs will request documentation from the utilities for a representative sample of the selected measures.
- For those measures reported in bulk on a single invoice line item, the COTR will review a sample sufficient to assess compliance.

FY 2014 Outcomes of the Oversight Process

If discrepancies are found, the COTR will work with the utility to resolve them, and in some cases may request more documentation to determine the extent of the problem. The COTR and the utility will work together on a plan to correct the issues. Follow-up oversight may be conducted in the future to ensure compliance with this plan.

FY 2014 Timing and Logistics

Utilities selected for oversight will be given 30 days notice by their COTR in the coming weeks. After this notice, the COTRs will work with utilities to determine the utility's preference for electronic or in-person file review.

The COTRs and utilities will work together to assure all documentation is submitted within a timely period. All findings will be provided to utilities by the end of the calendar year. We understand that this process comes during end-of-rate period close-out activities and we will do all we can to provide the flexibility needed to ensure a smooth process.

If you have questions or comments about this process, please contact your EER.

