# BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements, September 5, 2013

## General

**Upgrade to IS 2.0 has been deployed -**

On Friday, Aug 30 BPA successfully implemented an important update to IS 2.0 without interruption to system 0peration. The update contains the following features:

Corrections: We will be implementing a corrections feature which gives us the ability to correct errors in invoice packages that have previously been approved.

Custom Project Completion Date Attribution: IS 2.0 will correctly define custom project completion dates as the date of COTR approval rather than the date of measure installation.

Custom Program Reporting: IS 2.0 will accept reporting data from Custom Programs.

We understand that the functionality this update contains is critical to closing the rate period for some customers. Those customers for whom a correction is pending will be contacted by their COTR in the coming days to finalize the correction process.

If you have any questions or comments please contact your EER.

**Clarification on the Custom Project Submission Deadline -**

BPA has previously indicated that Custom Project Completion Reports must be submitted by Sept. 13 to allow adequate time for review and correction to be considered eligible for reimbursement using FY 12–13 rate period EEI funds. We would like to offer additional clarification of this position. BPA guarantees that any completion reports submitted by Sept. 13 will receive a determination from BPA's COTRs prior to the close of the rate period, and, if found acceptable, will be returned to customers in time to allow for invoice submission by the Sept. 30 invoice deadline.

If a completion report is submitted after Sept. 13, BPA cannot guarantee that COTRS will be able to make a determination in sufficient time to include in an EEI invoice before the end of the rate period. While we will make every effort to review all the submissions we receive, BPA staff may not have adequate time to review completion reports submitted after the Sept. 13.

## Reminders

**No Changes to PTCS Forms -**

We previously noted that, as part of BPA's ongoing work to improve the PTCS online registry, several important changes will be happening this month (that information is here). One of these changes is that the registry no longer collects, stores, or reports personally identifiable information. While the registry was updated to remove this information, no changes will be made to the program's forms. Homeowner contact information will remain on PTCS paper forms to support utility incentive programs and quality assurance inspections. Maintaining the customer information on printed documents, as long as that personally identifiable information is not entered into a federal, searchable database, complies with the requirements of the Privacy Act.

**Customers can now enroll in ESG for the FY 14-15 rate period -**

The contract for continuation of the EnergySmart Grocer (ESG) Program for Fiscal Years 14-15 has now been fully executed. With the execution of the contract, PECI is now able to begin to re-enroll utility customers' into EnergySmart Grocer (ESG) for the FY14-15 rate period. PECI will begin outreach in late August and early September. Utility customers will be asked to assign FY14-15 ECA Implementation Budget funds (EEI) over to BPA for BPA to manage through the ESG program through the same process that was used for enrollment in FY12-14. PECI will provide utilities' with forecasts of proposed budgets and kWh savings for FY14-15. Utility customers can enroll by submitting the FY14-15 ESG Sign-up form through eedocs@bpa.gov. The ESG Sign-up form is available in the Implementation Manual Library. Budget transfers to ESG will be completed once the new rate period budgets have been allocated. Utilities are encouraged to re-enroll early to provide a seamless transition into the next rate period.

**Decision on Agricultural Energy Efficiency Support -**

Based upon internal and external input, BPA's Energy Efficiency Management Team has decided BPA will support the agricultural energy efficiency sector with local BPA contract employees after the expiration of the RC&D Contract on Sept. 30, 2013…More