

BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements, December, 4, 2014

Events

Brown Bag: Simple Steps Program Update and Opt In Period -

Please join us for one of two Brown Bags to present the Simple Steps Program Update to Northwest utilities. BPA recently re-competed the Simple Steps, Smart Savings program to improve the program and add appliances as requested by utilities.

The BPA Utility Opt-In period for the Simple Steps program will be Dec. 3, 2014 - Jan. 9, 2015. If you have questions about the Opt-In process, please contact your Energy Efficiency Representative.

BROWNBAG DATES:

Wednesday, Dec. 3 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

[Thursday, Dec. 11 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m](#)

Intro to ECAM+ Training -

December 16 "Intro to ECAM+" Training - ECAM stands for Energy Charting and Metrics, which is an excel Add-In, used for regression analysis. Participants in this training session will learn how to use the ECAM tool to perform regression analysis using monthly data for M&V (measurement and verification)...[More](#)

On-Bill Financing: Inland Power's Application for Low-Interest Capital Webinar on December 17, 9:30 am PST -

Financing helps utilities attract participants that don't have the resources to participate in energy efficiency rebate programs. Utilities of all sizes and types are setting up financing programs.

Utilities that serve rural areas are likely to be eligible for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Loan Program (EECLP). Inland Power is completing the final stage of an application for over \$4 million. These funds will enable Inland to provide financing for energy efficiency projects in the residential, commercial and agricultural sectors and, perhaps, for solar systems as well.

This webinar is not hosted by BPA but may be of interest to our customers. It will describe some of the new developments in on-bill financing. Some programs are being launched without credit checks. Some don't even have loan documents. Others employ a variety of mechanisms to reduce or eliminate risk. The webinar will include a summary of Inland Power's application process by the program manager and consultant that have led the effort.

Please register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3699532634269740802>



General

The Critics Agree: These Holiday Classics Shouldn't Be Missed! -

As our holiday present to you, we have made a series of videos about Momentum Savings starring our favorite sage stars: Charlie Grist and Tom Eckman. And every week through the holidays we will release one...and maybe two. So, cozy up to your desk with a peppermint mocha and watch the first of this week's oh so short and awesome feature films: #2: where Tom & Charlie talk appliance standards.

[Click here to read the latest Conduit post and see the latest interview with Tom and Charlie.](#)

Utility Sounding Board Agenda -

The Utility Sounding Board is a consultative body to support the implementation of BPA efficiency programs. The USB provides recommendations on tools, materials, third party programs, regional infrastructure needs and peer sharing approaches to enhance the effectiveness of efficiency programs.

In an effort to foster communication between USB members and the rest of BPA's utilities, BPA will be publishing the preliminary agenda for each monthly meeting the week prior. If you have comments or questions on any of these topics please reach out to any of the current USB members listed on this [page](#).

Preliminary topics for the conference call on Dec. 10

- Energy Smart Grocer going forward
- Proposal for a new marketing tool
- PTCS – Plans for forms and QA
- NED development status
- Status of the Commercial HVAC TAN development

Reminders

Momentum Savings & Market Research Update -

Momentum Savings & Market Research Update: Interested in seeing Momentum Savings reported to your utility? Join us January 28 in Seattle to discuss options on allocating Momentum Savings before we finalize an allocation approach. We will also discuss what materials would be most useful for utilities around BPA's market research. For more information on meeting location, time and to RSVP please email your EER. Space is limited, so please **RSVP by December 12th** so we can ensure we have enough space. For updates on BPA's market research and Momentum Savings work, please see our most [recent newsletter](#) and [new webpage](#).

Unassigned Account Distribution -

As we begin fiscal year 2015 BPA is allocating approximately \$3.66 million to the Unassigned Account. These funds were originally designated to support regional program infrastructure in FY 14, but costs have been lower than expected and we are reallocating funds to our customers. You will have until Dec. 4 to submit a request using the Unassigned Account Request form.

This will be the first time BPA will be using the methodology agreed upon during the post

2011 Review, with funding allocated by the TOCA of requesters rather than an amount requested. To illustrate how this new process will work, we have attached a brief overview of the new process and associated timeline [here](#).