

BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements, December 11, 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 has been postponed until February 2015 -

"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](#)

General

Initial Unassigned Account Allocations -

On Nov. 13 BPA notified customers of an Unassigned Account distribution of approximately \$3.66 million. As of the Dec. 4 deadline BPA received 70 requests. This is the first distribution that we will be conducting via the new methodology agreed upon during the Post 2011 review in which allocations will be made using a weighted TOCA basis. Initial allocations, inclusive of any conditional maximum are [linked here](#).

Sign Up for the PTCS Mailing List to Stay Informed -

Want to keep up-to-date with the PTCS Program? Sign up for the PTCS online mailing list! Updates are sent periodically that include, but are not limited to, changes to program requirements, measure specification updates, PTCS registry updates, form updates, and any helpful hints for participating in the program. Signing up for this list will keep you as informed as possible! You can sign up by clicking on this link [here](#) or asking any PTCS staff to sign you up.

What is the Energy Efficiency Word of the Year? Fruitcake? -



Find out what other Conduit users think. Add your own WOTY (Word of the Year) to the list. You could win. Conduit Energy Efficiency Word of the Year Contest [here](#).

It's in the Math: Counting Our Way Through The Season -

It's not yet Christmas so that means another short interview with Tom Eckman and Charlie Grist! 'Tis the season so why not roast up some chestnuts and cuddle by the fire to watch this one? In this video interview, they discuss why we need to be cautious when measuring Momentum Savings and the loopholes that could become pitfalls if we don't pay close attention.

[Please watch as Tom Eckman and Charlie Grist of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council dive deeper into Momentum Savings.](#) It's because of you and your help that this solid foundation has been laid down upon which Momentum Savings can grow.

Reminders

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>

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

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](#).