

# BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements, March 5, 2015

## Events

### **Efficiency Exchange Keynote Speaker Announced -**

Efficiency Exchange is very excited to announce that Jeremiah Owyang will be our keynote speaker this year.

Jeremiah is the founder of Crowd Companies, which advises companies on how to tap into the collaborative economy. He will discuss the latest trends and research in this new sharing movement, and how utilities can thrive in a world where customers, technology, and energy are intersecting in disruptive ways. [Learn more about the keynote speaker.](#)

If you're planning on attending the conference, we recommend you act quickly on your hotel reservations. Once these blocks expire, hotel rooms may be in short supply due to other events happening in Portland. [More Details](#)

The early bird rate for utility staff remains \$195 through March 27. On March 28, the rate will go up to \$245.

[Register Now!](#)

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### **Brown Bag: We've got our listening ears on. Come help shape the future of Commercial Sector Program Offerings & Delivery -**

The BPA Commercial Sector is working to assess the needs of utilities in a post ESG world. We are inviting utilities to participate in a commercial sector assessment which will help inform BPA of the demand for a regional commercial program. This will be the first of a series of brown bags where utilities will be invited to solicit input and program direction. Join us on March 11...[More](#)

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### **USB Meeting on March 11 -**

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.



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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 meeting include:

- Windows measure update
- NEEA RTF proposal on using REMRate (9:30-10:00)
- Review and comment on IM changes
- Discuss QSSI recommended changes to the IM
- Discuss ESG status

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**ET Showcase Webinar: New Construction Hybrid-DHP Study: Resistance is Futile -**

Please join the Washington State University Energy Program for an online webinar on New Construction Hybrid-DHP Study: Resistance is Futile as part of the "Emerging Technologies Showcase" series. The live webinar airs Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 12:00 PM Pacific Time...[More](#)

Register now at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/812323953289900802>

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**Low Income Energy Efficiency Workgroup Meeting - Save the Date - April 20**

BPA invites its public power customers and regional stakeholders to participate in the Low Income Energy Efficiency workgroup. This is the third meeting. To add this to your calendar, click [here](#).

You can find more information about the Low Income Efficiency workgroup [here](#).

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## Program Updates

### **Smart Water Heat 2015 Federal Standards Flyer -**

Smart Water Heat has created a new resource to help navigate the 2015 Federal Electric Water Heater Standards changes and what they might mean for your customers. To access the 2015 Federal Standards Flyer for electric water heaters summarizing product updates and installation considerations, click [here](#).

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## Reminders

### **BPA to Make Funds Available via the Unassigned Account -**

After a review of Energy Efficiency's FY15 program budget, we have determined that \$4,925,000 will be available for release to the Unassigned Account. These funds were originally designated to support regional program infrastructure (e.g., third-party programs) in FY14, but costs have been lower than expected and we are reallocating funds to our customers...[More](#)

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### **Public Comment Period on a Shifting EE Funding from Capital to Expense -**

BPA held a follow-up workshop to the Integrated Program Review (IPR2) on Feb. 24. The purpose of this workshop was to provide customers and interested parties an opportunity to weigh in on whether BPA should shift conservation funding from capital to expense. For those who were unable to attend this meeting, the materials presented can be found [here](#).

BPA has opened a public comment period on the scenarios presented at this workshop that concludes on March 13, 2015. Comments can be submitted online, [www.bpa.gov/comment](http://www.bpa.gov/comment); by email; or by mail to: BPA, P.O. Box 14428, Portland, OR 97293-4428.

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**Conservation Billing Credits -**

During BPA's Energy Efficiency Post-2011 Review, customers expressed an interest in pursuing conservation activities that do not depend on funding through the Energy Efficiency Incentive. In response, BPA plans to offer conservation billing credits during the 2016 – 2017 Rate Period. Customers interested in Conservation Billing Credits should contact their EER soon. Contracts must be signed by April 2015. More information [here](#).

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**NEEA has Released the 2014 Commercial Building Stock Assessment -**

NEEA is very pleased to share the 2014 Commercial Building Stock Assessment at [neea.org/cbsa](http://neea.org/cbsa). Please note that the public version of the CBSA data contains no identifying information. NEEA has taken steps to prevent potential identification through reverse engineering or known building characteristics. In addition to our posting of the public dataset, we have also added an analysis of Hospitals & Universities to the [2014 CBSA Final Report](#). This effort required extensive support from the entire region. NEEA would like to thank the utility partners, participating building owners, our prime contractor on this work, Navigant Consulting, led by Kevin Cooney as well as Charlie Grist and the Northwest Power and Conservation Council.