

BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcement, March 31, 2016

Events

There's Still Time to Register for Efficiency Exchange! –

Registration is still open for Efficiency Exchange. The early bird rate has expired, but there are still some spaces left at the standard rate of \$245 for utility staff attendees. Take a look at the [agenda](#) and see why this is one event you won't want to miss.

Conference highlights include:

- A truly robust agenda featuring experts from around the region and beyond
- An exciting new development with Conduit at the Conduit lounge. Stop by the lounge to see the newly redesigned site, recharge your mobile device, and sign up for our next education series!
 - Learn from our [20 exhibitors](#) that will be in the Exhibit Hall
 - Excellent networking opportunities, including our fantastic reception after day one at the Hagadone Center
 - [Educational group tours](#) on the morning of Thursday, April 28
 - Breakfast Roundtables on the morning of Wednesday, April 27, attendees can gather and discuss a variety of EE topics over breakfast. Please use this [discussion on Conduit](#) to suggest ideas and host a table.

Brown Bag: Join us on Thursday March 31 for the Changes and Corrections Summary of the 2015-2016 Implementation Manual Brown Bag -

This Changes and Correction Summary to the 2016 annual Implementation Manual features a number of important programmatic updates – some of which will take effect in April and other in October. This Brown Bag will provide detail on the forthcoming changes and offer an opportunity for customers to ask questions of BPA's programs staff. We're scheduling this for a half hour longer than the usual IM Brown Bag duration to leave ample time to discuss upcoming changes to the UES Measure List... [More](#)



Brown Bag: Residential Lighting Market Shake-up! -

Who said light bulbs are dull? Join us from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M on April 5 to learn about one of the most dynamic and exciting markets around: the residential lighting market! We will share with you our recent market research on sales trends, Energy Star labeling, new market actors, DOE standards and changes in the Supply Chain for lighting...[More](#)

Thanks to those who joined us on our first monthly Momentum Savings call -

Thanks to those who joined us on our first monthly Momentum Savings call. Our next call will be held on Wednesday, May 4th from 9:00 A.M- 10:30 A.M. Please join us for an update on current activities and to ask your questions. All future calls will be the final Wednesday of the month from 9:00 A.M.- 10:30 A.M.

Program Updates**Update Regarding Non-Participating Savings from the Simple Steps Program -**

Recently, BPA asked for customer input on a plan to address Non-Participating Savings from the Simple Steps Smart Savings program. As a reminder Non-Participating Savings are those savings that result from sales at a store within a participating utility that are attributed to a utility that does not participate in the program (e.g. when a customer drives to another utility's territory to shop at a big box store). To address these savings BPA proposed the following....[More](#)

General**The Summarizer Has Been Updated and Posted Online -**

The Summarizer has been updated as of March 25th and posted to the [Interim Solutions 2.0 Files](#) website and the customer portal. The "Summarizer" is a tool BPA designed to give customers visibility into the sum of savings and reimbursements expected within an IS2.0 invoice as well as provide insight into the errors within your reporting spreadsheets so you can correct them prior to submission. The Summarizer is macro-based and will perform all of its functionality automatically. The Summarizer's Detailed Instructions can be found [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact your Energy Efficiency Representative.

Focus 2028 Initial Public Comment Period Closes April 4

In response to a request from participants BPA will be offering an initial two-week public comment period to solicit input on topics identified thus far in the Energy Efficiency Focus 2028 process. During this comment period BPA is not offering a proposal, but seeking input and potential solutions to the questions we have posed in our previous meetings.

Specifically BPA would like input on actionable solutions to the following questions:

1. Should BPA incentivize those utilities that currently don't see it in their interest to invest in energy efficiency and make it something that has value for them?
2. How can BPA improve on how it accounts for the benefits/revenues of energy efficiency (not just the costs)?
3. Should BPA reconsider how it determines its EE target, e.g., by considering a needs-based methodology?
4. Should BPA increase the self-funding percentage from 25% and, if so, should BPA revisit its backstop role?
5. What is needed to make it easier for customers to work with BPA on energy efficiency?
 - a. Are there opportunities for squeezing more value out of each dollar collected in BPA rates for energy efficiency?
 - b. What opportunities are there for BPA to realign its program given the market context?

BPA has published the notes from each of our listening sessions so that you can familiarize yourself with the conversation that has occurred thus far. These notes as well as a more detailed description of the process thus far and the information we are seeking comment on can be found [EE Focus 2028 web page](#). Comments can be submitted on BPA's [public involvement webpage](#).

Reminders

Introducing the BPA Lighting Small Business Promo!

The BPA Lighting Team is excited to announce a new lighting promotion for qualifying small businesses!...[More](#)