

BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcement, October 17, 2019

Events

Join Us: Residential Variable Refrigerant Flow / Variable Refrigerant Volume discussion on Oct. 21 -

Please join us for a customer discussion on BPA's decision to disallow Variable Refrigerant Flow / Variable Refrigerant Volume, or VRF/VRV, technologies from residential applications on Monday, Oct. 21, 2019. Please see additional [Q and A](#) about VRF/VRV technology.

We will use this time to provide updates on the classification of specific products by AHRI, seek input from customer utilities and develop a list of additional products that customers feel may be misclassified...[More](#)

Save the date: 2019 BPA utility roundtables -

Regional utility roundtables have kicked off. These annual gatherings are facilitated by BPA but are hosted by our public utility customers for our public utility customers. Please join your fellow utility representatives and the Bonneville team for discussions on a variety of topics focused on you and your end-use customers...[More](#)

There's still time... submit your EFX20 session ideas!

We've received some great suggestions from your peers for discussion topics at next year's Efficiency Exchange, including navigating EIA reporting, opportunities with horticulture lighting efficiency, emerging technologies and more. Those are some of our favorites, but we've still got more sessions to fill, and we want to hear from you.

Luckily, there's still a little time left to tell us what's sparking your curiosity. We've heard that attendees want to learn about the clean energy blockchain, natural gas efficiency and several other topics that have not yet been proposed.

Don't forget to submit your suggestions for breakout, opening and closing sessions by October 21. Tell us what's on your mind and we'll take it from there. [Submit a session](#)



General

Utility Sounding Board vacancies as of Jan. 2020 -

BPA is excited to announce it is seeking nominees to serve on the Utility Sounding Board, or USB. Three open seats will be available in Jan. 2020.

About the USB

The USB is a consultative body that supports the implementation of BPA efficiency programs. The USB provides recommendations to BPA on policy, programs, infrastructure development and the execution of

BPA's Energy Efficiency program, or EE. The USB also offers members the opportunity to learn from and share best practices with their utility peers...[More](#)

Reminders

New rate period, new IS 2.0 files!

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End of rate period closeout -

Thanks to all our utility partners for the successful closeout of the FY 2018–2019 rate period. The FY 2020–2021 rate-period budgets are now available and IS2.0 is once again open for business.

Updated rate-period budgets that include any utility rollover or start of rate period bilateral returns/transfers will be provided no later than Nov. 22. Contact your energy efficiency representative with questions.

EE tracking and reporting system replacement update -

BPA released a Request for Proposal, or RFP, to a group of select software vendors on Sept. 25, 2019. The RFP is for a new system, and is intended to generate proposals from vendors who can implement a cloud-based software solution that allows BPA and its utility customers to jointly manage the tracking and reporting of our EE programs. Previous attempts at this project targeted highly customized solutions. Moving forward, BPA hopes to leverage the advances in software solutions in the marketplace today, which target a highly flexible architecture managed primarily through system configurations vs. customizations...[More](#)

Summarizer tool error discovered -

A non-critical error was discovered in the Summarizer tool posted to the [IS 2.0 page](#) on Oct.

1. The error, which was revealed after additional testing, caused the tool to not calculate a performance-payment estimate. BPA recommends downloading and using the updated version of the Summarizer, which was posted on Oct. 7. Please contact your energy efficiency representative if you experience issues or have questions about the tool.
