



Energy Efficiency Policy Committee

August 1, 2013

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Participants: Ann Kelly, Jody London, Stephanie Stern, Jennifer Rosser, Charlie Buck, Marilyn Lyon

Status of partnerships:

LGSEC local government partners in PG&E territory reported that there have been delays in some partnership roll outs as a group of local government partners worked through an approval process with the PG&E and the CPUC Energy Efficiency Division. There is a lot of focus on savings that can be expected from thousands of individual measures, a process that is adding significant time to program implementation. The programs are starting to operate now. There also have been some delays for some partners with getting contracts signed, both on the utility end and the local government end.

In Southern California Edison territory, the one person on the call who is in a partnership with SCE and the Gas Company said contracts were signed quickly and programs were running in January. During the 2013-2014 Transition Period there are some new criteria for meeting community goals under SCE's Energy Leader programs.

Issues

❖ Energy Usage Data

Jody London provided an update on the working group process that occurred April - May. The working group submitted a report to the CPUC in mid-July. The LGSEC submitted comments on that report on July 29, and will submit reply comments on August 5. (Those comments are posted on the LGSEC web site.)

❖ CPUC Proposed Decision on Financing Programs

Jody provided an update on the status of comments on the Proposed Decision. Those are due August 5. There will be a workshop at the CPUC on August 16, and reply comments are due August 22.

❖ 2015 Program Cycle

Jody reported on a recently convened coalition of energy efficiency stakeholders that is discussing options for modifying the energy efficiency planning process in California, as well as systems for performing measurement and evaluation, governance of energy efficiency, and related topics. There is recognition among the group, which includes the investor-owned utilities, that the current systems and processes in California are not serving us well. Concurrent with internal discussions of the LGSEC Energy Efficiency Committee on what should come after the Transition Period, the Natural Resources Defense Council ("NRDC") and the Utility Reform Network ("TURN") initiated a series of meetings with the key parties to the CPUC's energy efficiency proceedings, including the utilities. Several LGSEC members, some of whom are also associated with the

BayREN and the SoCalREN, were invited by NRDC and TURN to an initial large group meeting at the end of July. That group continues to meet. The primary areas of discussion include

- A letter to the Energy Division outlining the importance of an immediate extension of the current program, be it to move now to a rolling cycle model (first choice) or just extend while the CPUC determines what the next cycle might include.¹ Jody London took the lead in drafting a letter for the group to review.
- Draft Guiding Principles for this group moving forward. Monisha Gangopahdyay from DRA took the lead on this.
- An alternate Stakeholder Process for California. Lara Ettenson from NRDC took the lead on this.

This collaborative group is setting up a discussion with representatives from the CPUC Energy Division at the end of August. This will continue to be a discussion topic for the LGSEC Energy Efficiency Committee.

❖ **AB 758 Implementation**

Jody described the draft Implementation Plan from the California Energy Commission. The LGSEC submitted comments on that draft plan in July, which are on the LGSEC web site.

Charlie Buck noted that AB 489 (Skinner) would allow AB 758 to be funded from a source outside of ARRA.

❖ **AB 416**

Nothing to report, this bill has put in the suspense file for now.

❖ **CARB Scoping Plan Update Workshop**

Jody provide an update on the role for local governments. Subsequent to the call, the LGSEC on August 5 submitted comments to CARB, which are posted on the LGSEC web site.

❖ **Upcoming LGSEC Quarterly Meeting**

In Ventura, August 20.

❖ **Other**

Next Steps

None

Next Meeting

Thursday, September 5, 3:30 – 4:30

¹ One thing to note about moving now to a rolling cycle: some of the utilities say they would have submitted different portfolios if they had known this would be the base from which a rolling cycle model would commence.

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