



MINUTES  
Energy Efficiency Policy Committee  
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3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

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1. Results of Survey of LGSEC members re range of local government energy efficiency programs, role and responsibilities, etc.

- This agenda item is a follow-up item from the last meeting.
- Stand out items:
  - Two distinct perspectives are represented in this summary – a) those local governments that need more access to resources/funding/expertise/mentors to better help their staff do their jobs vs. b) those who want others to come in from the outside to do this work. How do we reconcile these perspectives?
  - The big ticket items appear to be data/information, and access to resources.
  - LGSEC might want to identify how it moves beyond the regulatory world to direct our energy and resources elsewhere. Maybe we should explore how to assist organizations in other relevant ways.
  - The group discussed the lack of continuity/timing in services/costs; some believe that is inherent to the market. The LGSEC can work to ensure that consumers aren't being taken advantage of. One goal would be to create greater competition in the marketplace which will even out pricing discrepancies across different geographic regions.
  - Regarding question #6 on summary – certain geographic areas do/do not overlap with a REN. For those areas not part of a REN, it is crucial to coordinate with areas that are part of it. Some are interested in learning about helpful/effective strategies/programs from the RENs and want to explore how best to coordinate between these two groups of LGSEC members.
  - The group talked about the form this type of discussion could take. Some suggested a workshop session where implementers would share best practices. Jody noted that the Energy Managers are currently discussing this issue at the in-person meeting. The group envisions this type of format including program design, development, outreach, and financing. One member suggested setting up some kind of share point that is utilized on an as needed basis. Perhaps an

interface could be created which includes buckets based upon commonalities along similarly situated geographic areas.

## 2. Committee Priorities for 2014

- Key themes: sharing best practices, program elements, design models, outreach, and tactics.
- Jody and Demetra will brainstorm different ways of delivering this type of resource and present their ideas/obtain feedback from the group at a later date.
- The group suggested that our Committee needs to start targeting its work to be effective.
- Committee priorities include:
  - Have materials that we can pass along to other smaller governments (such as tools, resources, mentors, etc.).
  - With the stakeholder process to develop the Rolling Cycle, there should be opportunity to continuously improve programs/processes, determine how savings are calculated and validated, document emerging technologies, create a streamlined process, etc.
    - The filing for the 2015 extension provides the utilities, RENs, and CCAs an opportunity to comment on and push the issue of creating innovative programs (although this runs against the CPUC's latest guidance).
    - Later phases of the EE Rulemaking (R.13-11-005) will look at the structure of Rolling Portfolios, including the on-ramp/off-ramp for programs. In the short run, the LGSEC can push the CPUC to do this. Perhaps the LGSEC could consider working with the utility to submit an Advice Letter which recommends creating new programs jointly. The Committee believes the LGSEC should follow-up with more recommendations key issues CPUC will look at in Phase 2.
  - The LGSEC Board wants to take a new/fresh look of other sources of support for local governments that don't involve the regulatory process.

## 3. R.13-11-005 - new Energy Efficiency rulemaking

The group discussed the status of the rulemaking, given the recent departure of Commissioner Ferron. The CPUC is re-assigning the proceeding and updating the schedule. Jody and Demetra will do a 'deep dive' in the Rolling Portfolio Phase 2 steps and summarize this for the group.

### Next Meeting

Thursday, March 6, 3:30 – 4:30