



Themes and Timing of the Post-2014 EE Portfolio Approval Process



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Guidance and Budget Decision Timing

- Planning for post-2014 funding cycle will begin this summer
- Expected milestones:*
 - “Guidance decision” in by the end of 2013
 - Applications filed in 2014
 - “Budget decision” before the end of 2014

**** These are staff best estimates. The OIR (Order Instituting Rulemaking) for post-2014 planning has not yet begun.***

**** The assigned ALJ (Todd Edmister) and Commissioner (Mark Ferron) will determine the actual scope and timing.***





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Guidance Decision

- Assigned Commissioner Ferron has signaled an interest in a **“rolling portfolio cycle”** approach
- A Feb. 25, 2013 CPUC-CEC-CAISO letter to State Senators Padilla and Fuller committed to investigating **longer-term EE funding authorizations**
- **Objective is to:**
 - Mitigate detrimental and inefficient impacts of “start-stop” dynamic in the market place
 - Reduce uncertainty in transmission and procurement planning
- Staff expects any such process would include **ongoing portfolio updates** (by application or advice letter) to incorporate **“best available information”** from **EM&V**





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- Interagency letter to Senators Padilla and Fuller also highlights interagency efforts to **focus EE programs to serve grid reliability needs** in local reliability areas and specific times of day

Staff expects the post-2014 EE planning proceeding to examine ways to address these grid reliability needs,

potentially including:

- Modifying cost-effectiveness methods to value locational / flexibility attributes
- Program design / delivery specifically targeted to transmission constrained areas (e.g., increased marketing & outreach, higher incentive offerings, direct install, etc.)





Main themes that are expected to shape the process going into 2015:

Current Commission policy direction

- a) Emphasis on deep savings and deep retrofits
- b) Emphasis on addressing the water-energy nexus
- c) Emphasis on addressing extreme climate zones
- d) Transition existing RENs from pilots to cost-effective (TRC>1.0) programs / portfolios





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Other policy direction

- a) **AB 32** – Global Warming Solutions Act
- b) **California Long-Term EE Strategic Plan**
- c) **AB 758** – Retrofit California’s existing residential and commercial building stock for energy efficiency
- d) **Prop. 39** – \$330 million to retrofit K-12 (primarily) and community college buildings





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Guiding Principles

- a) Pursue strategic priorities within cost-effectiveness constraints
- b) Address both residential and non-residential sectors
- c) Promote statewide consistency, as appropriate and practicable
- d) Ensure fiscal responsibility and good stewardship of ratepayer dollars





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Process Constraints

- a) Formal Process
- b) Cost-effectiveness parameters
- c) State policy
- d) Regional Energy Networks





How to Weigh In on the Process Submitting Comments

ED is soliciting comment and input from stakeholders.

Now -- before the proceeding has opened -- is an opportune time to begin sharing your views with CPUC staff, the IOUs, and interested parties.





How to Weigh In on the Process Submitting Comments

There are numerous opportunities:

- Engage with ED staff informally
- Form coalitions to submit joint proposals
- File formal comments once the proceedings have opened
- Comment on proposed decisions (Guidance Decision, Budget Application Decision) prior to final adoption





Recent Themes Communicated by Local Governments to Energy Division Staff:

- **Recognize differences in LG capabilities.** Ensure that smaller jurisdictions can compete and maintain their partnerships.
- **More direct communication with LGPs.** ED is available to hear from LGs and learn of their experience. ED has been engaging under-served LGs, travelling to those communities to meet with the staff who represent those LGs' energy action and climate change efforts.





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Empowered local capability and know how.

- Local Governments have signaled a desire to move toward a model that would allow the EE projects that they market to be installed by a local contractor.
- LGs indicate that local knowledge may prove beneficial to targeting their communities' next hard-to-reach market segment. LGs indicate that reliance on local contractors will keep EE dollars spent circulating in their community.
- LGs have expressed a desire for greater responsiveness from the contractors who are awarded operations in their jurisdictions.





Thoughts on Post-2014 LGP Program Directions?

- **Group Brainstorm / Discussion...**





Possible Post-2014 LGP Program Direction: Preliminary Staff Thoughts for Discussion

- **Demonstrate efficiency and effectiveness.** Minimize administrative “overhead,” while effectively targeting savings potential in local communities.
- **Continual improvement.** May 2012 guidance decision signaled a preference for deep retrofit energy savings opportunities, as a criteria for funding increases.
- **Graduated partnership tiers.** Increased opportunities for high-performing partnerships, with qualified funding levels tied to capability and track record of success.





Possible Post-2014 LGP Program Direction: Preliminary Staff Thoughts for Discussion

- **Greater statewide consistency.** Staff sees potential benefit to shifting toward an approach that values more consistent and generally-accepted practices. But when does statewide consistency make sense? When not?
- **Partnering to enhance code compliance enforcement.** This is a major theme in the CEC's draft AB 758 plan. Staff welcomes a conversation towards viable solutions to address code compliance issues.





Possible Post-2014 LGP Program Direction: Preliminary Staff Thoughts for Discussion

- **Leverage local comparative advantage.**
The previous Decision identified a new priority for targeting extreme climate zones and hard-to-reach under-served populations. Staff welcomes ideas and discussion on this theme.





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Thank you

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