

**Energy Efficiency Post-2011 Review**  
**Regional “Big Tent” meeting**  
**February 26, 2014**  
**9:00 am – 3:00 pm**  
**At Tacoma Power**

**MEETING NOTES**

**Overview/Summary**

BPA began with a brief overview of the background and purpose for this process as well as an overview of the process forward. It is intended that the workgroups report out progress made in the workgroup meetings during the big tent meeting and prepare final, consensus-based recommendations to present at the May 8 meeting. After that, BPA will consider the recommendations and report back to stakeholders in June. The June meeting dates are tentative. BPA will present its own recommended path forward in June and begin a public comment period.

Workgroup chairs walked through the issues and the progress to date. The presentations followed the progress reports that can be found [here](#) on the website closely. There was constructive discussion and a few workgroups requested feedback before the next big tent meeting on March 20 in Eugene. These requests are outlined below.

**Please respond with comments to co-chairs by March 14, 2014.**

**Workgroup 1 –Model for Achieving Programmatic Savings**

- Issue: Self-management of incentives

Please provide your interest level is regarding self-management of incentives overall (1) high level of interest; 2) would like to know how it would work but are ok with current program implementation; or 3)no interest/happy with status quo) and which of the alternatives (ABCD) for self-management of incentives are of interest to you. The co-chairs would also like to know if there different views that have not been identified as an interest group and if there other alternatives that may have been missed. The group will present more details on these alternatives in the future. Please send responses to [Doug Brawley](#), 503-288-1234 or [Margaret Lewis](#), 503-230-7552.

- **Alternative A: Revise the 75/25 Split** – where customers (on average, not utility specific), take on more responsibility for delivering savings without BPA funding. Downwards adjustment of BPA percentage would result in reduced BPA EEI budgets for all customers.
  - Partly addresses customer issues of Capital and EEI issues
  - Most likely require some degree of utility-specific savings targets to ensure the regional target is met (puts BPA in an enforcement role). NOTE: BPA/Council targets would most likely NOT align with WA I-937 state customer targets.
  - Could adjust split based on customer performance
  - May impact BPA’s ability to third party finance conservation

- **Alternative B: Capital Rate Credit** – a rate credit would be used for those customers that “elect” to 100% self-finance their savings acquisition. This would split acquisition resources: ONE bucket of self-financing customers and ONE budget of 100% BPA-funded customers. This approach would eliminate the “on average” self-funding expectation that exists today.
  - Addresses Capital and EEI Issues
  - Would require those electing customers to take on specific savings targets, with the remaining target implicitly shared by all non-electing customers. Again, NOTE: BPA/Council targets would most likely NOT align with WA I-937 state customer targets.
  - May reduce the opportunity for non-electing customers to find a counterparty for bilateral transfers
  - May impact BPA’s ability to third party finance conservation
  
- **Alternative C: Expense Rate Credit** – revert back to using a rate credit with some changes to the previous version.
  - Addresses Capital and EEI issues
  - Will be a rate impact: ~1% increase per \$20M moved to expense (to be confirmed)
  
- **Alternative D: Conservation Prepay** - customers bring capital to BPA in exchange for a bill credit that repays the cash with interest.
  - Addresses Capital and EEI issues
  - May impact BPA’s ability to third party finance conservation

## Workgroup 2 – Implementation Manual

- Issue: frequency of implementation manual

The working proposal is to move to annual manual with some yet to be defined changes allowed. Does this approach seem reasonable? Send comments to [Ross Holter](mailto:ross.holter@pacifienergy.com), 406-751-4433 or [Dan Villalobos](mailto:dan.villalobos@pacifienergy.com), 509-625-1370.

## Workgroup 3 – Directing EEI to Low Income Energy Efficiency

- Issue: how to get more EEI to low income segment

The workgroup is trying to determine what the level of utility involvement in the low income sector is and what kind of collaboration happens between utilities and CAP agencies. The utilities asked for a way to track the details for EE projects that the CAP agencies are installing. Workgroup members have crafted a utility survey and will distribute it. Please contact [Wendy Gerlitz](mailto:wendy.gerlitz@nwenergycoalition.org) (Northwest Energy Coalition) if you would like to respond. For other comments related to this workgroup please contact [Eugene Rosolie](mailto:eugene.rosolie@pacifienergy.com), 360-577-7505 or [Boyd Wilson](mailto:boyd.wilson@pacifienergy.com), 509-527-6217.

## Workgroup 4 – Flexibility Mechanisms

- Issue: distribution of available BPA energy efficiency funds

Please review the proposed options for unassigned account allocation methodology below and send preferred top three choices and comments to [Ray Grinberg](#), 253-857-1548 or [Melissa Podeszwa](#), 206-220-6772. Please send any other ideas regarding LPF and/or other ways to fund large projects also as that topic will be addressed by this group next.

**A. Status quo:** allocation is based on a pro-rata allocation of the funds available with the ability for customers to request a “conditional” amount and receive the lesser of the pro-rata or conditional amount.

**B. Tier One Cost Allocator (TOCA):** allocation is based on TOCAs (much like initial rate period EEI budgets are proportionally allocated on a TOCA basis) of those customers requesting funding.

**C. Least cost:** allocation, or at least a portion of the funds, is based on “least cost” projects (to be defined). Customers would submit a form with project details and BPA or a group of BPA customers would select which customers receive funds based on least cost.

**D. Need:** allocation is based on a demonstration of “need” by customers. Customers would submit a form with project details and BPA or a group of BPA customers would select which customers receive funds based on “need” (to be defined).

**E. Two buckets:** BPA funds in the Unassigned Account are allocated on a TOCA basis and funds returned from utilities are allocated on pro-rata basis (or some other combination).

### Workgroup 5 – Reporting and Verification of Savings

- Issue: reporting of savings

Please let the co-chairs know if the “hockey stick” pattern of reporting, that is a strong uptick in last part of BPA fiscal year, is a function of when measures are completed or when you invoice. Please send responses to [Mary Smith](#), 425-783-8778 or [Mark Ralston](#), 503-230-3175.

### Attendees: (P=Phone)

Alecia Dodd	P	Brad Mullins	P
Andrew Miller	BPA, P	Brent Barclay	BPA
Ashley Stahl	City of Centralia, P	Carolyn VanWinkle	BPA
Bo Downen	PPC	Charlie Black	NWPCC, P
Bob Gunn	Seinergy	Chuck Murray	WA Commerce
Boyd Wilson	BPA	City of Ellensburg	P
Brad Cebulko	WUTC	Dan Morehouse	EWEB, P

Dan Villalobos	BPA	Melissa Podeszwa	BPA
Darby Collins	BPA	Michael Coe	Snohomish, P
David Moody	BPA, P	Mike Little	Seattle City Light, P
Debbie DePetris	Clark PUD	Nancy Hirsch	NW Energy Coalition
Diane Robertson	Flathead Electric, P	Norm Goodbla	Lewis County, P
Don	P	Pam Sporborg	NRU, P
Donna Kinnaman	P	Paul Hawkins	CAPO, P
Duffell Gray	Coos Curry, P	Peter Meyer	Tacoma
DW	P	Ray Grinberg	Pen Light
E. Holman	ESI, P	Richard Genece	BPA
Elizabeth Osborne	P	Rob Currier	EPUD
Eric Miller	Benton REA, P	Ross Holter	Flathead Electric, P
Eugene Rosolie	Cowlitz	Sandi Edgemon	City of Richland, P
Greg Kelleher	EWEB, P	Sandra Ghormley	Oregon Trail Electric, P
Irion Sanger	ICNU, P	Shannon Green	BPA, P
James Adcock	self	Stan Price	NEEC
Janice Boman	Ecova	Steve Bicker	Tacoma
Jed Morrell	Monmouth, P	Summer Goodwin	BPA
Jeff Stafford	Tacoma	Susie	P
Jeremy Stewart	Tacoma	Thomas Elzinga	Consumers Power, P
Jim Dolan	Pacific PUD	Tim Lammers	Columbia River PUD, P
Jim Russell	Tacoma	Todd Blackman	Franklin County, P
John Walkowiak	Tacoma	Tom Schumacher	Benton PUD, P
Josh Warner	BPA	Van Ashton	City of Idaho Falls, P
Kathy L. Moore	Umatilla, P	Vic Hubbard	Franklin PUD, P
Kevin Smit	EEC, P		
Kim Thompson	BPA		
Kirsten Watts	BPA		
Kyna Powers	BPA, P		
Larry Felton	BPA		
	Franklin County PUD,		
Linda Esparza	P		
Lizzy Safranski	Clark, P		
Marcus Perry	BPA, P		
Margaret Lewis	BPA		
Mark Ralston	BPA		
Mary Smith	SNOPUD		
Matt Babbitts	Clark, P		
Matt Tidwell	BPA		
Mattias Jarvegren	Clallam County PUD		
Melinda Eden	NEEA, P		
Melinda James-Saffron	Grays Harbor PUD		