EE Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, December 16, 2008 12:30 – 4:30 pm

Location: Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance

645 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 990 Chicago, IL 60611

Time	Agenda Item	Discussion Leader
12:30 – 12:45	Welcome and Opening, Introductions	Annette Beitel
12:45 – 1:45	Projects that Cross Program Years • Recommendations	Steve Baab - ComEd John Nicol - Ameren David Baker – DCEO
1:45 – 2:45	ComEd Quarterly Report	Tim Melloch
2:45 – 3:00	Break	
3:00 – 3:15	Ameren Quarterly Report	Keith Martin
3:15 – 3:30	DCEO Quarterly Report	David Baker
3:30 – 3:40	Status of Evaluation Contractor contracts	Karen Kansfield/ Michael Brandt
3:40 – 4:15	 Evaluation Framework Issues Evaluation Planning Coordination and Collaboration between Evaluation Contractors 	Peach/Prahl (phone)
4:15 – 4:30	Closing and Next Steps	Annette Beitel

Meeting Materials

- Recommendations re: Programs that Cross Program Years
- ComEd Quarterly Report
- Ameren Quarterly Report (to be provided)
- DCEO Quarterly Report (to be provided)
- Prahl/Peach Presentation re: Evaluation Framework Issues
 - Evaluation Planning Process (Prahl)
 - Coordination and Collaboration between ComEd and Ameren (Prahl)

MEETING NOTES DECEMBER 16TH SAG

Attendees: Annette Beitel (FutEE), Susan Wobbekind (FutEE Contractor), Bryan McDaniel (CUB), Becky Stanfield (NRDC), Michael Brandt (ComEd), Jay Wrobel (MEEA), Dylan Sullivan (NRDC), Tim Melloch (ComEd), Rob Kelter (ELPC), Kristin Munsch (AG), Brian Granahan (Environment Illinois), Steve Baab (ComEd), David Baker (DCEO), Dana Kenney (City of Chicago).

Attendees: phone: Karen Kansfield (Ameren), Richard Zuraski (ICC Staff), David Brightwell (ICC Staff), Denise Munoz (ComEd), Geoff Crandall (ELPC), Gil Peach (Consultant), Jon Nicol (SAIC), Keith Martin (Ameren), Megan McNeill (ICC Staff), Michael Borovick (ICC Staff), Nick Lovier (Ameren), Phil Mosenthal (Optimal Energy for AG), Cheryl Miller (Ameren), Roger Baker (ComEd).

Projects that Cross Program Years

Steve Baab of ComEd explained that treating the EE programs as three individual 1-year programs has lead ComEd, Ameren and DCEO to encounter significant "dead zone" times. The utilities and DECO have therefore been forced to limit the projects they can accept to mostly short term projects. A strict adherence to the one-year time table also leads to the recruiting period ending on March 1st, as the utilities and agency do not want to over-subscribe for year two in year one.

A list of solutions was proposed that was agreed to by all. The utilities and DCEO will advertise their new approaches via press releases, webinars, and other standard means of communicating with the industry.

It was reported that their have been complaints from the field that small business feel they are not benefitting as much from the programs as the big businesses. ComEd replied that the programs are first come, first served, with no preference being given to big business. In addition, ComEd informed the group that it is trying to target small business and is working on ways to get small businesses more engaged in the programs.

ComEd Quarterly Reports

ComEd informed the group that it is at 40% of its kWh goals, with lighting producing the majority of the savings. ComEd closed the quarter with 1.8 million CFL's being sold, and 7300 units having been enrolled in its appliance recycling program. 5,000 units have been retrieved to date.

With respect to its appliance recycling program, ComEd has established that bill inserts are a great way to reach its customers. In addition, in 2009, ComEd will run an ad for the program in the Chicago Tribune. The program allows ComEd to pay for up to three working freezers, air conditioning units, and second refrigerators, but will not make a pick-up solely for a freezer or air conditioner. In addition, the utility is running a pilot program with Abt from Thanksgiving to January 15th in which ComEd picks up old refrigerators that are being replaced by new appliances sold by Abt, rather than Abt selling the old refrigerators to resellers.

ComEd's All Electric Efficiency Upgrade program targets all electric multi-family housing (three units or more). Each unit is eligible for up to 6 CFLs, with the average being 5.1. Tenants identify the bulbs to be replaced by indicating to contractors which lights are used for more than 4 hours/day.

ComEd's measures are coming from aerators, low-flow showerheads, CFLs and electric water heating.

It has become a challenge to find all electric buildings as more building are converting to gas water heating.

Status of Evaluation Contractors Contracts Ameren

Ameren reported that it has finished drafting their contracts and has performed an internal review of the contracts. Gil Peach and Ralph Prahl reviewed the contracts, and Ameren incorporated all of Peach and Prahl's recommendations into the contracts. As of last week, the contracts had been furnished to the ICC staff for review. Ameren hopes to have the contractors on board by year's end.

ComEd

ComEd reported that there are working on their contracts with Summit Blue and should have the contracts done by year's end. Summit Blue has started certain activities for ComEd.

Both Ameren's and ComEd's contractor contracts are consistent with Prahl and Peach's recommendations and Prahl and Peach support the contracts.

Evaluation Framework Issues

ACT: Build a recommendation into the framework that an evaluation objective is to use the same underlying assumptions so that the utilities are comparing apples to apples.

ACT: Evaluation contractor contracts should have a deliverable regarding coordination with ICC and SAG and the utilities coordinating with each other.

Addendum

The following notes and suggestions were sent by Geoff Crandall after the meeting adjourned.

- 1. Please request that DCEO and Ameren have the quarterly update materials prepared in a timely manner and sent out in advance of the meeting. This will enhance the value of their time, our time and the long term effectiveness of the SAG. I am not whining here- but SAG participants getting the materials a day or two prior to the meeting is absolutely essential. I count on this and review these materials, make notes in the margin and often do additional research on certain issues/topic prior to the meeting. I try hard to be more informed and add value to the SAG and not just call in "cold". ComEd did a fine job on their quarterly report briefing and the materials were distributed with enough time to review and think about some of the items prior to the SAG. This is not a minor housekeeping issue it is important to the long term viability and effectiveness of SAG.
- 2. The sound quality and WebX linkage has helped a lot with the SAG Conf calls thanks for working to get that improved.
- 3. During the ComEd briefing they covered the "Smart Ideas for your home Energy Star lighting" program. About 1.7 million CFL's are in operation as a result of this program so far and they are on their way to their 2.85 million goal. I would like to request that ComEd provide us a description of the lighting technology that has been included in Phase 1, Phase II and Phase III of this program. I would like to have an estimate of the types of lighting technologies that have been and will be included i.e., wattage, type, name brands. I would also like to make a similar request of Ameren and DCEO for the lighting technology that is included in their programs