

Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program PY1 Report-Out

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Agenda

- Plan Year 1 –Results
- Plan Year 1 Accomplishments
- Plan Year 1 Challenges
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- Lessons Learned for Plan Year 1
- Plan Year 3 Observations



PY1 Results (June 1, 2011- May 31, 2012)*

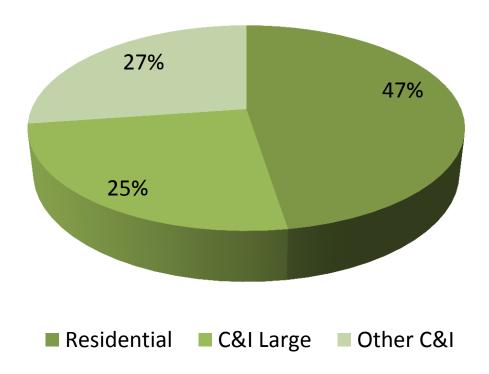
Nicor Gas	Net Therms	Net Therm Goal	Results	TRM Impact (2)
All Programs				
Savings	5,665,730	6,836,159	83%	82%
Excluding programs that that didn't launch at the start of PY1 (1)				
Savings	5,665,730	6,288,471	90%	89%

- (1) Residential New Construction, Behavioral Energy Savings, Economic Redevelopment and Building Performance with Energy Star.
- (2) TRM impact value estimated. Full impact has not been completed.
 - * Excludes DCEO therms.



PY1 Savings by Class

Residential versus Business





PY1 Accomplishments

Launching Portfolio

- 5 programs extended from Rider 29.
- 8 new program contractors hired.

Collaborating with Partners

- Jointly delivered 8 programs with ComEd.
- Coordinated with ComEd and Peoples Gas / North Shore Gas and Ameren on marketing and other portfolio functions.
- Leveraging IMEA and EI2 funding.

Building Internal Capability

- Began hiring and training internal staff team.
- Data Tracking system nearing completion.

Serving Customers

- Processed >45K residential and >2K business rebates
- 9,730 (92% and 95% AFUE) furnace rebate processed in PY1.



PY1 Challenges

Slow Start

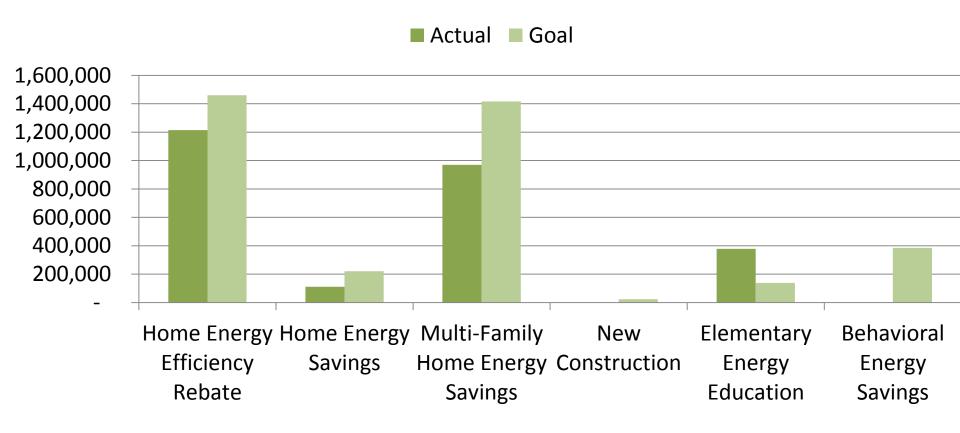
- Delayed program launch with new programs for Rider 30 (Residential New Construction, Behavior Energy Savings, Economic Redevelopment and Building Performance with ENERGY STAR).
- Warm winter coupled with slow economy.
- Other programs meeting EEP goals (in aggregate).
- HES, Small Biz, Business New Construction, Multi-Family and RCx programs longer lead time and continue to ramp slowly.

Customer Awareness

General customer awareness of program major challenge.



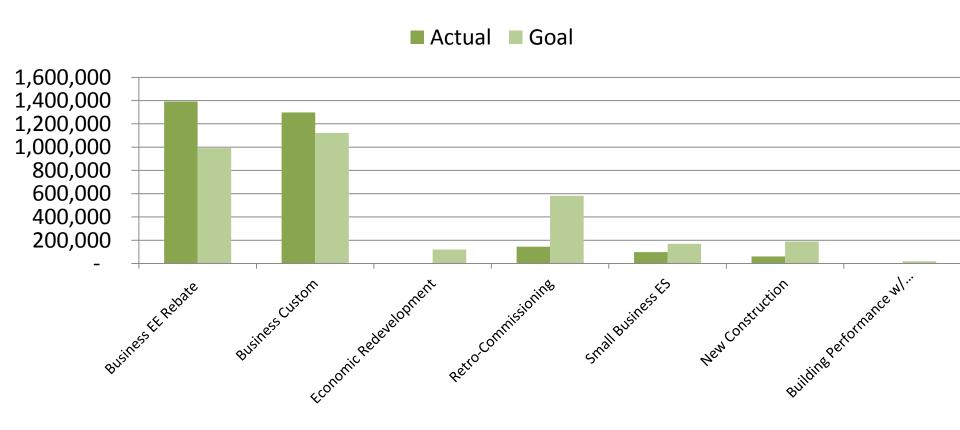
PY1 Results-Residential



Residential achieved 73% of goal



PY1 Results- Business

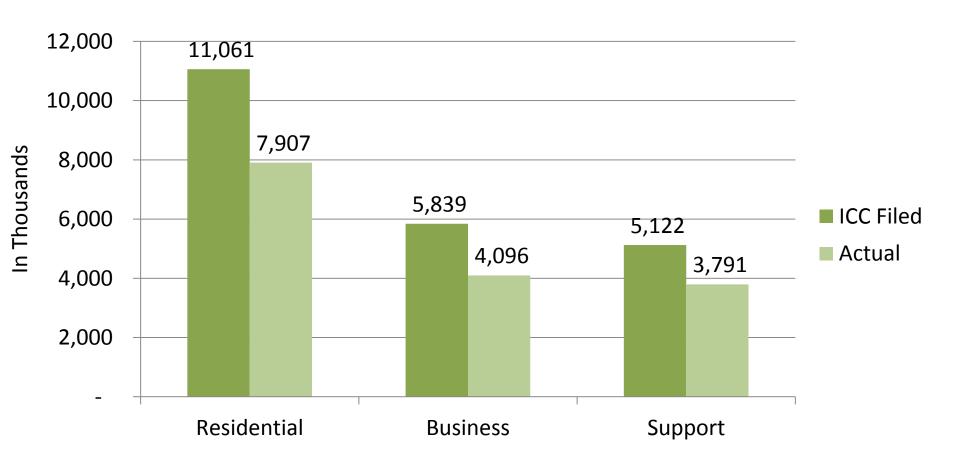


Business achieved 94% of goal



PY1 Cost Analysis

Spent 72% of Total Budget





PY2 Observations

- Savings Projected above Goals
 - Implementation contractors to make up PY1 shortfall.
 - Adjusted programs goals to market realities.
- Plan Year 1 Program Budget Savings Reinvested
 - Additional measures and rebates.
 - Education and outreach.
 - New customer acquisition channels.



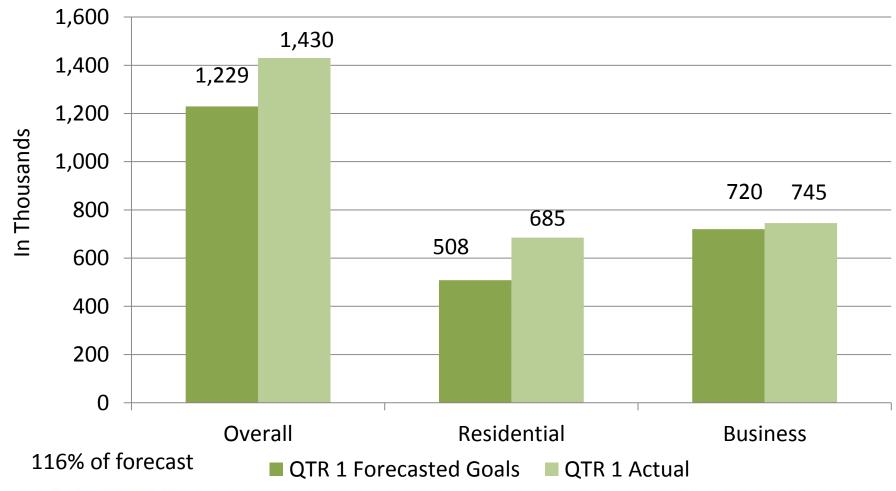
PY2 Enhancements- New Rebates and Measures

Residential	
Home Rebates	Top-tier furnaces, thermostats, windows, pipe insulation, bundled rebates, frequent flyer bonuses
Home Energy Savings	Illinois Home Performance with ENERGY STAR
Multifamily	Comprehensive Track

Business	
Business Rebates	Stream trap surveys
Custom	Higher rebate caps (\$500,000)
Retro-commissioning	Industrial RCx, Monitoring-based Commissioning and midsized customers.



PY2 QTR1 (June 1, 2012- August 31, 2012 Results Strong Start





Lessons Learned from PY1 Observations from the Field



Home Energy Efficiency Rebate

Complete system replacement

Lesson: Bundling of various measures (i.e. furnaces and air conditioners)
have proven to be successful in driving furnace replacements in summer
months.

Retail Channel

Lesson: Retail channel is a very important channel.

Web site improvement

 Lesson: More value to customers and allies by additional materials and better navigation across programs.

Awareness

 Lesson: Expand ally awareness and engagement within retail market and target allies providing services for new measures through trade ally focus groups.



Multi-Family

Offering Hand-held showerheads

Lesson: New measure opened up additional properties to program.

Awareness

Lesson: Targeted education and outreach is more effective.

Comprehensive Enhancement

 Lesson: Program needs to expand beyond direct installs, deploying dollars into deeper retrofit multifamily program



Home Energy Savings

Awareness

Lesson: Try alternative education and outreach (house party model).

Increased incentive

Lesson: Larger incentives needed to overcome first-cost barrier.

Partnerships

 Lesson: Collaboration with other entities to drive participation (IMEA, EI2, Illinois HPwES).



Business Energy Efficiency Rebates

Steam Traps

 Lesson: Significant of savings in PY1 and will continue to target in PY2/PY3.

Participation

 Lesson: Continued to build participation through tiered rebates on equipment size and collaboration with Trade Ally focus groups.

Commercial Food Service

 Lesson: Alignment of measures and rebates though CFS Trade Ally focus groups.



Business Custom

Portfolio Coordination

 Lesson: Continued coordination between programs for lead hand off and Emerging Tech.

Targeted Market Segments

 Lesson: Focus on vertical markets such as Chemical, Hospital, Food Processing and Forging/Foundry.

Incentive Cap and Eligibility

 Lesson: Increased cap (\$500k) and percentage (up to 50%) of project, minimal (2,500) therm savings eligibility.



Retro-Commissioning

Lead Times

Lesson: Projects have long lead times.

Project Makeup

 Lesson: More opportunities with electric savings. Additional effort to go after gas projects.

Additional Tracks (Monitoring and Industrial RCx)

 Lesson: Tracks being added to capture more projects and to also target smaller facilities.



Small Business Energy Savings

Electric versus Gas Savings

 Lesson: Customers show propensity to favor electric measures versus gas due to faster payback and non-owner occupied space.

Trade Ally

Lesson: Expansion of trade ally network with emphasis gas trade ally.



Business New Construction

Lead Times

 Lesson: Projects have long lead times (18-36 months) which were an issue after launch. Focus on creating pipeline of projects under 18 months.

Project Makeup

 Lesson: Continued focus on comprehensive projects which yield higher therm savings than systems projects.



PY3 Observations



PY3

Codes and Standards

 2012 DOE furnace standards will result in significant therm losses in residential.

Market Forces

- Program will continue nimbleness in responding to market conditions.
- Efforts under way to bring more cost-effective measures in programs.
- Program will continue to develop new customer acquisition channels and bundling strategies to increase customer participation.

Best Practices

- Learn from other programs and apply best practices.
- Continuous review of new technologies to deploy in PY3 and beyond
- Efforts under way to bring more cost-effective measures in programs.



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