

Emerging Technology Program

Gary Cushman
Program Manager, Research & ETP

Challenge

- Discover:
 - Products that claim to save therms
- Prove:
 - Therm savings can be tested, verified and documented





Source of technologies & products

Participation requirements

- Apply online
- No cost to applicant

Who submits products?

- Manufacturers
- Vendors

Product types

- Residential
- Commercial
- Industrial





Product Information			
Company Name			
Product Name			
Primary Use/Function			
Target Market (select all that apply)	Single-Family Commercial Multi-Family Residential Industrial Other		
Question		Yes	: No
Does this technology/product reduce a customer's consumption of natural gas while delivering the same or superior service as compared to the system it replaces?			
2 Will your technology result in electricity savings for consumers?			
3a Is your technology commercially available in the U.S.? If yes, proceed to question 4.			
3b Will your technology be commercially available in the U.S. in the next 6 months?			
4 Is this technology/product currently receiving incentives (rebates) from one or more North American energy utilities? If unknown, answer "no".			
5 In addition to natural gas savings, are there other performance benefits to your technology? Examples include: quieter performance, simplified installation, reduced maintenance requirements, increased indoor air quality, water savings, etc.			
6 Can your technology be retrofitted to existing equipment?			
7 Has this technology/product been evaluated by recognized professionals (engineers, architects, contractors) to confirm its compatibility with existing building practices and systems and its ease of installation?			
8a Has this technology/product been installed at multiple sites in North America? If no, skip to Question 9a.			
8b To the best of your knowledge, is this technology/product currently in operation at all sites where installed?			
9a Is there an available service network to support your product in the Nicor Gas territory? If yes, proceed to question 10.			
9b Do you have the capacity to build/establish a service support network in the Nicor Gas territory?			
10 Does your product/technology require mitigation measures for noise, vibration, emissions, or other safety issues?			
11 Does the installation of your technology require upgrading of ancillary equipment?			
12 Based on the price that this technology/product will sell for 18 months from now, will it save enough energy to pay for itself in 5 years or less?			
Contact Information			
Name			
Title			
Company			

Testing and measurement

Gas Technology Institute (GTI)

- Writes action plan
- Our pilot roadmap



Technical review committee

- Reviews action plans
- Selects and approves pilots
- Sets priorities



Pilot setup

- Recruit test sites
- Install and measure
- Collect data





The ETP process

Work paper

GTI reports test results

 Contractor submits work paper

Market introduction

- Webinar introduction
 - Test results
 - Marketing rationale
 - Positioning

Implementation

- Implementation contractor implements with program manager
- Program manager oversees therm goals





Active pilot assessments

72 submissions

15 pilots

21% acceptance rate

Pilot examples:

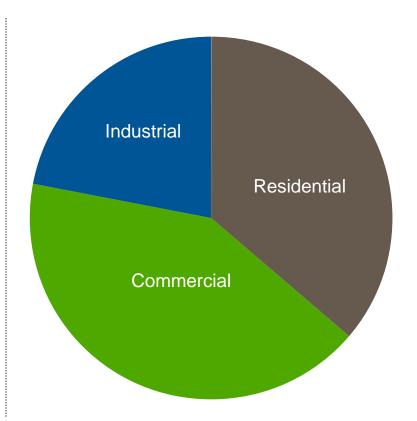
- Condensing rooftop units
- Low-flow showerhead
- Water heating control system
- Ozone laundry
- Combined space and water heating
- Air curtains
- Home energy management system
- Wireless steam trap monitor
- Wireless pneumatic commercial thermostat
- Commercial stepping clothes dryer





Lessons learned: product mix

- Watch product mix of:
 - Capital-intensive
 - Seasonal traps
 - Heating season
 - Non-heating season
- Balanced approach
 - Avoid over-representation of any one category







Lessons learned: product myopia

Cannot fall in love with technology

- Cannot view in isolation
- Must have actionable market potential

Two components: engineering and marketing

- Different disciplines
- Both are needed





Lessons learned: vendor partners

- Site selection difficult
 - Unexpected
 - Decision process slow
- Active vendor participation
 - Special equipment costs
 - Help with test site recruitment
- Increase partner group
 - Blend of industries







Lessons learned: trends

Wireless technologies increasing

- Benefits
 - Lower installation costs
 - Faster installations
 - Less invasive

Enables other energy efficiency technologies

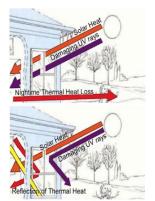
- Mechanical
- Pneumatic thermostats
- Half-smart building





Residential Pilots

Window insulation



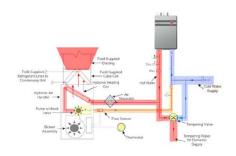
Airflow balancing



Residential ozone laundry



Residential combined space and water



On-demand domestic hot water recirculation



EcoFactor Smart Thermostat







Commercial Pilots

Destratification fan

Commercial Energy Management System





Commercial Modulating Clothes Dryer Retrofit



Commercial ozone laundry

Steam trap monitoring





Condensing Rooftop Unit







Industrial Pilots

Boiler descaler



Predictive Energy Management

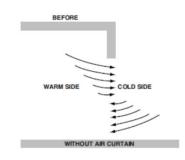


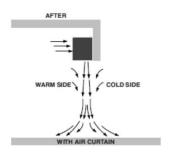
Boiler combustion trim controls

IRISvalve[™]
Continuous Combustion
Control System

Commercial and Industrial Air Curtains















Destratification fans

Review the destratification fans public project report.

Download the report >



HE heating RTUs

Review the high-efficiency heating roof-top units public project report.

Download the report >



Non-modulating dryer retrofit

Review the non-modulating dryer retrofit public project report.



Ozone laundry

Review the ozone laundry public project report.

Download the report >



Demand-based hot water recirculation

Review the demand-based domestic hot water recirculation public project report.

Download the report >



Air curtains

Review the air curtains public project report.

Download the report >



Combined domestic hot water and space heating systems

Review the combined domestic hot water and space heating public project report.

Download the report >







Questions?

James Jerozal

Managing Director
630-388-3390
jjeroza@aglresources.com

Gary Cushman

Program Manager (630) 388-2392 gcushma@aglresources.com