# **Illinois Statewide Advisory Committee**

SAG Small Group Call: Upstream & Midstream Proposal Review and Comments from Grundfos

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#### Attn: Subcommittee Midstream & Upstream Program Design

This document has been prepared for the Illinois Statewide Advisory Committee (SAG) on behalf of Grundfos Pumps Corporation to provide technical information related to pump technology and the opportunity for a midstream/upstream state or utility program. The following information is confidential to the SAG group.

#### **Executive Summary**

There has been a revolution in the residential pumping market. It is a revolution that introduced products into the market that are able to save up to 90% of energy consumption compared to the market standards. These products do this by utilizing an electrically commutated motor (ECM) while having onboard, integrated controlling capabilities to learn the specific end users habits and run only when needed, offering substantial energy savings with no break in service for the end user. This presents a significant opportunity for Illinois to capture this savings through a well-structured incentive program in order to push the market towards energy efficiency.

Grundfos (and other pump manufacturers) have encountered resistance in converting the market to energy optimized products mainly due to price barriers. Almost unique to the pumping market is that the decision maker to go with a "like for like" product versus an efficient pumping solution is made by the contractor who has no stake in energy efficiency as the end user pays the electric bill and not the contractor. The contractors' priorities lie in getting a reliable product as inexpensively as possible. So the endeavor to convert the market to efficient pumping solutions is an uphill battle. The only way to win this battle is to work with Illinois to build the most effective program possible and act as the boots on the ground to educate, train and maximize participation in the program. Simply put, Grundfos is excited to help Illinois "cast one net and catch all of the fish".

The purpose of this document is to provide insights into the residential pumping market to help accomplish that goal. As you will read, we are sharing some inside information on the market size, trends, code changes that are applicable, and suggested program framework and deployment strategies in order to establish the most successful program possible. Furthermore, as a program would go live Grundfos would work with our local sales channels, wholesalers and contractors to raise awareness for the program and maximize participation in the program. We will help with marketing collateral and building short cut cheat sheets to help make every qualifying pump transaction run through the Illinois Energy program.

This document studies the Illinois residential markets where the primary application is hot water recirculation. The reader will note that recent code changes mean that there will be a growing number of installed population in these markets. As codes change, the industry must also change too to meet code requirements and continue to recognize energy savings. An incentive program could be the catalyst to get these pump systems up to code and optimize energy consumption in growing market conditions.

We will be suggesting that a program with qualifying product(s) to include the Grundfos Alpha, Magna and Comfort PM Auto would be the most beneficial. These products meets code requirements while consuming substantially less energy with minimal run time over the market standard.

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The right qualifying products are just the first step in any successful program. Every bit as important as the technology itself is the program deployment framework. We will suggest a midstream incentive model that has been used with great success with other utilities (Efficiency Vermont, Connecticut Light & Power, MASS Save). Grundfos feels that attacking the choke point of any pump transaction, the wholesaler, will provide the greatest scalability for Illinois Energy. The wholesaler has the direct contact with the plumbing contractor who acts as the decision maker on which exact pump should be installed. Armed with past successes, Grundfos is a proponent that this is the best avenue for market transformation.

We very much appreciate the opportunity to supply these suggestions and hope they are taken to heart. Grundfos looks forward to the opportunity to work with Illinois Energy in this pursuit and together we can accomplish the goal of market transformation.

#### Why the Upstream Program Design

Grundfos proposes that, in order to better transform the market to highly efficient pumping systems, open an upstream contingent. This would allow for all pump transactions in the residential and/or commercial market to be run through Illinois state or utility programs. Roughly 80% of pump purchases are ultimately installed into retrofit applications, in order to transform the market we must capture those transactions.

Grundfos would propose that the installation information be captured at the point of sale for the contractor in order to verify that it would qualify for the program. Once the installation has been verified, an "instant rebate" can be assessed so the cost to the contractor for the qualifying products.

This model would incent the wholesale level to increase levels of stock of qualifying pump systems so these products are readily available. Also, these products have an inherent higher value and are higher margin for wholesalers, so they are incented to utilize the program as much as possible.

#### Grundfos proposes the following program structure...



#### Midstream/ Upstream Option – Success Story

Efficiency Vermont has gone live with a midstream program oriented for the residential market where Grundfos had qualifying smart pump solutions. The highly efficient pumping systems did not have significant market share, but in utilizing the true midstream program model we made significant strides towards transforming the Vermont market towards highly efficient pump solutions.

The midstream pump program was piloted in Q4 of 2013. The numbers break down as follows:

#### **Smart Pumps Sold into Vermont**

2010 (entire year): 65 Efficient Pumps

2011 (entire year): 49 Efficient Pumps

2012 (entire year): 73 Efficient Pumps

Average: 62 Efficient Pumps

**Q4 2013 Pilot Duration: 2,870 Efficient Pumps (4,629% Growth)**. The Efficiency Vermont program is still active.

#### **Technology Description**

Electronically commutated motors (ECM) are high-efficiency brushless DC motors. They are typically fractional horsepower motors that enjoy several benefits over the more common permanent split capacitor (PSC) fractional horsepower motor. One of these advantages is higher overall efficiency. PSC motors are generally 20-60% efficient, depending on their loading, while ECM motor efficiencies range from 70-80%. Other advantages include the ability to provide constant flow with varying pressures, a wider range of rpm and the ability to be controlled by direct digital controls (DDC).

These fractional horsepower motors are frequently found in domestic hot water recirculating pumps, hydronic (boiler) recirculating pumps, geothermal and solar hot water systems. Recirculating pumps are commonly used in multifamily buildings to shorten the amount of time it would otherwise take for hot water to reach the tenants on the upper floors. These recirculation pumps can be operated continuously or can be controlled by an aqua-stat, which turns on the pump only when the temperature of the return line falls below a certain set point. Many of the ECM recirculating pumps currently on the market have integrated aqua-stat controls and the ability to be controlled and monitored wirelessly.

#### Pump Run Time Breakdown

Code currently dictates that sold into hot water recirculation applications should have some type of controller that would allow for the pump to shut off while not needed. The two most popular methodologies to accomplish this are through the installation of a timer or an aquastat.

**TIMER:** Timers can either be integrated in the pump or installed externally on the pump. They can be set to run in 15 minute increments, either full speed or off. The runtime is typically dictated by the end users habits. However, after speaking with many contractors across Illinois, the preference is to have the pump run 15 minutes on and 15 minutes off. This means that the pump will run 12 hours per day. The reason contractors like to do this is avoid any call backs while the end user is to maintain comfort and realize some savings. Of course, using this timer set up savings is not optimized. Nicor Gas also completed a study of using a time and how much gas is saved by implementing this technology on a system, while we agree that a time reduces run-time we know that having a smart control mode like the Grundfos Auto Adapt will save the optimal amount of energy.

**AQUASTAT:** Aquastats are externally installed through the pumps junction box and cannot be installed on pumps with direct wall plugs. The device is clipped on the pipe and measures the temperature of the pipe and in effect the water temperature. It acts as the governor to tell the pump to turn on when the product falls below a certain temperature (most commonly 105F) and shuts the pump off when it the temperature is above a certain temperature (most commonly 115F). Runtime for pumps with aquastats installed vary greatly depending on many different factors, heat source set point, ambient temperature, insulated pipes, pipes in slabs, etc. On average, we would estimate that a pump with aquastat employed would run roughly 6 hours per day (25% of the time).

**SELF-OPTIMIZING:** A recent evolution in the pumping market is for pumps to be able to learn the specific needs for the system into which they are installed, optimizing energy in the process. The Grundfos AutoAdapt has pioneered this technology and leads the market in energy optimization. It works by logging the data of the latest two weeks of performance data to learn the end users habits and only run the pump when there is a demand, mitigating runtime hours. The pump is estimated to run only 3 hours per day. If no demand is occurred for 8 hours, the system will automatically disinfect the system by running for 15 minutes. And if no demand occurs for a 24 hour period, the pump will automatically switch over to holiday mode.

Runtime Breakdown is estimated as follows...

Controller Type	Running Hours/ Year	% Runtime/ Year	Hours Saved/ Year
No Controller	8,760	100%	-
Timer	4,380	50%	4,380
Aquastat	2,190	25%	6,570
Self-Optimizing	1,095	12.5%	7,665

#### State Wide Market Landscape & Suggested Incentive Level

#### Illinois

Below is the methodology to, as accurately as possible, calculate the energy and power savings potential in Illinois. Keep in mind that approximately 80% of these pump/ accessory transactions are for replacement/ retrofit applications while 20% go into new construction.

#### How many pumps are sold into the Illinois market?

# \*Please note these are all estimates derived off of Grundfos sales data and assumptions of market share within both the HVAC and plumbing markets.

Grundfos has pulled the quantity of pumps sold into the Illinois market, and with knowledge of the percentage of market share that Grundfos owns, we can estimate that the Illinois market share for the major competitors is broken down as follows.

	IL Mrkt Shr HVAC	IL Mrkt Shr Plumb
B&G:	35%	60%
Grundfos:	35%	20%
TACO:	20%	20%
Wilo:	10%	0%
	100%	100%

**Dumb Pumps:** Pump that has no integrated timer or other integrated control logic and utilizes an induction type motor/ driver.

**Smart Pumps:** Pumps that have integrated control logic and utilizes an EC motor.

## HVAC Market Estimates

According to Grundfos' sales data for Illinois, only 2% of the products sold today are "smart" pumps.

HVAC Market - Closed Systems					
	Grundfos N	larket Share	IL Market		
	2013	2014	2013	2014	
Pumps sold w/o Timers, non-ECM	5,527	6,195	15,791	17,700	
Non-ECM pumps w/ integrated timers	0	0	0	0	
Number of Timers	8	2	23	6	
Number of Aquastats	22	18	63	51	
Number of ECM, Smart Pumps	133	135	380	386	
Total Pumps Sold	5,560	6,329	15,886	18,083	

	No Controller	AutoAdapt	
Hours/ Yr:	4380	4380	
Biggest Market Mover:		Watts/pump	kWh/pump
UPS 15-58 FC	59896341	87	381
Alpha 15-55 F	59896877	25	110
Energy Saved Per Pump		62	272
Percentage Saved Per Pump		71%	71%

Item	2013	2014
Pumps sold w/o controller:	99%	98%
Pumps sold w/ integrated timer:	0%	0%
Smart pump Marketshare:	2%	2%
Pumps Sold w/ External Timer/Aquastat:	1%	0%

Market Opportunity in Illinois: HVAC						
Conversion from Dumb to Smart Pumps						
Watts kWh/Yr						
Energy Saved Per Pump 62 272						
Total IL Pump Market 2014 17,697 17,697						
Total Energy Saved 1,097,223 4,805,836						
Incetnive # of Pumps Totals						
Average Incentive Amount = \$100 \$100 17,697 \$1,769,714						

## **Plumbing Market Estimates**

According to Grundfos' sales data for Illinois, only 3% of the products sold today are "smart" pumps.

Plumbing Market - Open Systems					
	Grundfos	Market Share	IL Market		
	2013	2014	2013	2014	
Pumps sold w/o Timers, non-ECM	551	529	918	882	
Non-ECM pumps w/ integrated timers	19	6	32	10	
Number of Timers	8	2	13	3	
Number of Aquastats	22	18	37	30	
Number of ECM, Smart Pumps	162	198	270	330	
Total Pumps Sold	580	660	967	1,100	

	No Controller	AutoAdapt	
Hours/ Yr:	8760	109	5
Biggest Market Mover:		Watts	kWh/ Yr
UPS 15-35 SFC	59896772	11	0 964
Comfort PM Auto	98420224	4 8.	5 9
Energy Saved Per Pump		101.	5 954
Percentage Saved Per Pump		92%	6 99%
Item	2013	2014	
Pumps sold w/o controller:	95%	80%	
Pumps sold w/ integrated timer:	3%	1%	
Smart pump Marketshare:	28%	30%	
Pumps Sold w/ External Timer/Aquastat:	5%	4%	

Market Opportunity in Illinois: Plumbing							
Conversion from Dumb to Smart Pumps							
Watts kWh/Yr							
Energy Saved Per Pump 101.5 954							
Total IL Pump Market 2014 770 770							
Total Energy Saved 78,155 734,805							
Incetnive # of Pumps Totals							
Average Incentive Amount = \$250							

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#### SAG Meeting Discussion Items

#### 1. What are the right measures to start with?

- 1. **High Performance Circulator Pumps:** circulator pump that has integrated variable frequency drive (VFD), electrically commutated motor (ECM), and built-in control logic that has the ability to self-optimize to the best efficiency point on the pump curve.
  - a. **Plumbing and HVAC applications for:** 
    - i. Residential
    - ii. Multifamily
    - iii. Commercial
  - b. Grundfos Products: Comfort PM Auto, Alpha, Magna1 & Magna3
- 2. Measure amount will range between \$80 \$2,000 per pump depending on the application, size of the unit:
  - a. For example an open system will use a cast iron pump, which is less expensive a closed loop system will use a stainless steel pump that will have a higher price tag.
- 3. How much information will the utility need to pay out the rebate?

#### 2. Who should offer this? (Statewide, including the Department if possible).

- 1. Gas and Electric utilities within the state of Illinois.
- 2. Illinois Department of Commerce or other State departments with EE dollars.

#### 3. Outreach / marketing?

- 1. Using the Public Benefits Fund: *Efficiency Vermont* as an example we would propose the utility or statewide group partner directly with the manufacturer to market this program to the wholesale channels. In this case, Grundfos would assume the marketing and educational responsibility with the approval of the utility. An example of co-branding is provided below.
- 2. Grundfos has direct relationships with many wholesalers, distributors, and contracts in the Illinois market and by incentivizing at the manufacturing level.
- 3. Promotion through existing wholesaler channels located throughout IL. Grundfos will market, educate, engage and with distributors, wholesalers and contractors to get them enrolled and participating in the mids-am. In addition we will work with our internal and external sales channels to educate them on the program to increase participate we will follow the *Efficiency Vermont* model which has had great success in transforming the market. We will also work with the local utility to educate and engage new trade allies. We have a dedicated utility team that can assist with making sure this program is a success.

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4. Program design questions: What should the incentive be? How to hold distributors / manufacturers accountable to offer incentive to customers; are parameters needed? How to keep Trade Allies engaged and happy? If this was statewide, how would the savings be split? Is customer data required?

- Distributors and Wholesalers will be held responsible through an auditing process. The utility will require addresses of the end-users home or business. The addresses will be submitted monthly by the distributor or wholesalers to the utility. Quarterly, we would propose that the utility audit the addresses to ensure the units were installed at those locations.
- As outlined in the Upstream Connecticut example, the benefits of the program will the following which promotes trade ally participation and engagement.
- 3. Example of incentive levels for the Efficiency Vermont program and listed below.

Stakeholder	Benefits
Manufacturer	Opportunity to balance product mix Push latest technology to market
Distributor	Increased profits and market share Opportunity to transform end market
Contractor	Lower first cost No rebate completion required Sales and marketing tool to sell jobs
End-users	No rebate processing (time and money) Lower first cost Energy and lifetime cost savings
Utility	Eliminate loss of savings associated with forms Opportunity to reach larger customer base

### High Performance Circulator Pumps

Qualifying Products (Sorted by Manufacturer) Iffective 7/1/2014; Updated 10/15/2015









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Manufacturer	Model Number	Description	Max Input (watts)	Product Incentive
	Compass	Compass Circulator	45	\$50
	6906-001.0	4300/4380/4312/4392 Design Envelope Pump	800	\$600
	0406-001.0	4302/4392 Design Envelope Pump	900	\$600
Armstrong	0908-002.0	4300/4380/4312/4392 Design Envelope Pump	1518	\$600
	0408-002.0	4302/4382 Design Envelope Pump	1518	\$600
	0908-003.0	4300/4380/4312/4392 Design Envelope Pump	2136	\$600
	0408-003.0	4302/4382 Design Envelope Pump	2136	\$600
	605062000	Ecocine Auto	60	\$50
	605082001	Ecocirc Vario	60	\$50
Bell & Gossett	104303	Ecocirc XI, 15-75	200	\$200
	104304	Ecocirc XI. 15-75	200	\$200
	104308	Ecocirc XL 20-140	500	\$200
	59896832	ALPHA 15-55F/LC	- 45	\$50
	59896833	ALPHA 15-55FR/LC	- 6	\$50
	59896834	ALPHA 15-SSSF/LC Stainless	45	\$50
	59896877	ALPRA 15-SSF	45	\$50
	59896878	ALPHA 15-SSFR	45	\$50
	59896879	ALPHA 15-555F Stainless	45	\$50
	905-289-22	ALPHA 15-50FC - EVT	45	\$50
1	903-95309	ALPHA 13-SSERE - EVI	45	\$50
	90125822	MAGNAS SPACES 119/200	85	200
	98071395	MAGNA CLSC 32-60 CI 230V	85	200
	90120820	MANA 3240 CI 119230	80	200
	90120819	MAGNAL 32-60 CI 115/280V	407	200
	90120523	MARKE 12-0035 LISPEN	107	330
	9013030	MACANAL 32-100 CF 115/230-	178	500
	9013030	MAGNAS 32-100 SS 115/230-	100	5000
	99071396	MAGNA (15C 32-100C) 200V	190	5200
	90120024	MAGNA3 32-100 CI 115/230v	190	\$200
	90126028	MAGNA3 40-80 CL 230V	262	\$200
	98126830	MAGNA3 40-80.55 230V	262	\$200
	98126900	MAGNA3 40-80 CI 115V	276	\$200
	98126902	MAGNA3 40-80.55 115V	276	\$200
	98126812	MAGNA3 50-80 CI 115V	318	\$200
	98126814	MAGNA3 50-80.55 115V	318	\$200
	98126940	MAGNA3 50-80 CL 230V	325	\$200
	98126942	MAGNA3 50-80:55 230V	325	\$200
Grundfos	98126822	MAGNA3 40-120 CI 230V	422	\$200
	98125834	MAGNA3 40-120 SS 230V	422	\$200
	98125904	MAGNA3 40-120 CI 115V	442	\$200
	98125905	MAGNA3 40-120 SS 115V	442	\$200
	98126836	MAGNA3 40-180 CI 230V	587	\$600
1	98126838	MAGNA3 40-180 S5 230V	587	\$600
1	90125908	MAGNA3 40-180 CI 115V	614	\$600
1	98125810	MAGNA3 40-190 S5 115V	614	\$600
1	98125815	MAGNAS SC-150 CI 115V	630	3600
	90125818	MAGNA3 50-150 55 115V	630	3600
1	NOL25944	MAUNAL SCHOOL 230V	630	3600
1	9012096	MAGNAS 32-150 55 230V	100	3000
	ACT PROVIDE	MAGNAS 65-120 CL 2004	758	3000
	00134000	MAGNAS CO-120 23 2.0V	703	3000
1	90124303	MAGNAS GOLD COLLEGY	772	5000
1	20130002	MAGNA3 90-100 (1 220)	1041	5000
	90130958	MAGNA3 90-100 55 230V	2041	5000
1	99136958	MAGNA3 90-100 55 230V	1041	5620
1	99120954	MAGNA3 0 80-100 CL 220V	1052	\$600
1	99130954	MAGNA3 0 80-100 CL 220V	1052	\$600
1	99126952	MAGNA3 65-150 CI 230V	1301	\$600
1	99126954	MAGNA3 65-150 55 230V	1301	\$600
1	99120903	MAGNA3 D 65-150 CL 200V	1301	\$600
1	99126960	MAGNA3 100-120 CI 230V	1576	\$600
1	99126952	MAGNA3 100-120 55 230V	1576	\$600
	99136955	MAGNA3 D 100-120 CI 230V	1592	\$600
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#### 6. How does this work with existing custom and prescriptive programs?

- 1. The impact to the existing prescriptive program will depend on the structure of the state program and or utility program. Money can be transferred from the existing prescriptive program budget to help pay the midstream incentives. Or a new program budget may be created.
- 2. As far as the custom budget goes, we do not see the midstream impacting this budget because the incentives will be small dollar amounts. This is also the reason it is hard to get contractors to apply for incentives today because they do not feel it is worth their time.

#### 7. Savings – how to ensure that savings are not double-counted.

1. End-user addresses will be required and audited to ensure savings are correct and not being double counted.

# 7. Are there examples of where the upstream approach has worked for public sector or low income customers?

1. Yes, Efficiency Vermont allows for the pumps to be installed at any consumer. They do not have a separate budget for these, but rather allow for installations in any customer group.

#### 8. How does this impact NTG?

1. Through hot water recirculation there is natural gas savings, Nicor Gas is working on an emerging tech demonstration regarding this savings. In the meantime reference their earlier study that provides gas savings for just adding a timer to these pumps.

\*Reference, *"energySMART, Emerging Technology Program, 1003: Demand-based domestic hot water Recirculation. Public project report"* 

## 9. Leakage - what are the boundaries? Where are the products going? What information is needed to work with the distributor or manufacturer effectively?

- 1. Midstream programs will require end-user address collected by installer, provided to the distributor/wholesaler on a monthly basis.
  - a. Must have Illinois address.
- 2. For upstream program no address is required, but sale must take place within the state of Illinois.

#### **Midstream Program Discussion**

# **1.** Success in other jurisdictions (Efficiency Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut; Q-Sync Motors Report from Oak Ridge National Laboratory (Sept. 2015)).

#### HVAC/Plumbing Active Midstream Programs:

- 1. Efficiency Vermont
- 2. Energize Connecticut
- 3. Pacific Gas & Electric
- 4. Boston Midstream program (currently in design)

#### **Active High-Efficiency Circulator Prescriptive Programs**

- 1. Focus on Energy, Wisconsin: Commercial and multifamily
- 2. Consumers Energy, Michigan (1/1/2016): Commercial
- 3. DTE Energy, Michigan (3/1/2016)

# 2. Delivery channel possibilities: (Distributor (midstream); Manufacturer rep, to sell to contractors (upstream))

- 1. Distributors
- 2. Manufacturer Representative
- 3. Wholesalers

\*As stated earlier we believe the greatest distinction between a midstream and an upstream program to believe the information that is required by the utility or state program on the back-end. If the utility or state program is comfortable with partnering directly with a manufacturer the details will have to be worked out, but end-user information will be very hard to obtain.

3. Market share – what is the possibility in IL for this measure? (Jessica/Stephen to follow-up. What additional IL data do we need?)

1. See appendix for this information

4. What should the incentive be? (For Efficiency Vermont, incentives ranged from \$100 to \$600).

1. See appendix for this breakdown

5. Cost information? (Smart pumps are approximately 30% higher in cost. Cost may depend on the application). This is needed to run cost-effectiveness analysis. Information by pump would be helpful, for both cost and savings.

- 1. See appendix for this breakdown
- 6. Measure lifespan? (Approximately 15 years).

# 7. Energy savings? (Water savings; Gas savings – when will information be available? Jessica/Stephen to follow-up. They have engaged with Nicor Gas through the Emerging Technologies Program).

- 1. Potential water and natural gas savings from these pumps
  - a. Nicor Gas is completing an Emerging Tech evaluation of the gas savings in 2015/2-16

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