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Bonneville Power Administration
New Multifamily Construction

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Presentation Roadmap

Context for Program Redesign

Technical Analysis

New Multifamily Program

Emerging Technology Integration

Emerging Technologies
Bonneville Power Administration Context

- Federal Power Marketing Administration
  - Provide Power and High Voltage Transmission in portions of seven states
- Promote Energy Efficiency (EE) and Technologies that support its mission
- Provide EE Program Options to Utility Customers who Choose Whether to Offer the Program
Multifamily is a Big Opportunity

• **Significant Market Potential for New Construction**
  – 397,000 low rise and 89,000 high rise units by 2035

• **Current New Construction Program not Utilized**
  – Utilities are working through custom projects or emerging technologies
We Asked What Stakeholders Wanted

• **Formal and Informal Discussions**
  – Technology Advisory Group
  – Outreach to Utility Customers
  – Outreach to National and Regional Experts
  – Outreach to Builders and Developers

• **What we Heard:**
  – Make sure to design so people will actually use it
  – Make sure there is space for local utility programs/ certifications
  – Make sure that the programs can coordinate with gas utility incentive programs
  – Make program similar between residential and commercial

• **New Construction Measures are the First Outcomes**
1. Acquire Additional Efficiency Above Stringent Washington Energy Codes

2. Align with Affordable and Market Rate Housing

3. Support Certification Industry Already in Use in the Region

4. Help the Market Toward the Most Energy Efficient Buildings Possible
Zero Energy Ready

The Most Efficient Building Possible
But, How Much Electricity Does it Use?
Our Initial Concept

1. Set Performance Bar

2. Test Programs Against Performance Bar

3. Add Qualified Programs to Incentive Paths
New Program

First Time We’ve Tried this Kind of Program

1. Rely on the Market

2. Flexibility for Utilities
   – Can use existing certifications
   – Can design a program of their own

3. We set the Standards, Certifications/ Programs
   Apply to be on the Qualified Programs List
BPA Energy Savings Calculations

GOAL: Pay an incentive for building certifications that deliver significantly above code energy performance

To Do This

- Know the kWh savings
- Establish an EUI baseline to measure against
- Baseline is new construction code
  - ID, MT, OR, WA
  - Energy code and performance is different among these four states
MF Energy Use Code Baseline Example for WA State

- 0%: Code Baseline - 2015 Washington State Energy Code EUI (kWh/ft²)
- 10%: Certification #1
- 25%: Certification #2
- 40%: Certification #3
BPA Code Baseline Energy Savings

- Establish kWh and EUI values for Multifamily New Construction under ID, MT, OR, WA Residential Energy Code
- Ecotope performed MF building modeling using the Simplified Energy Enthalpy Model (SEEM) Energy calculator
- Utilized the Regional Technical Forum (RTF) Multifamily Building Prototypes
Regional Technical Forum (RTF): Technical Oversight and Validation for Utility Energy Savings for the Northwest

RTF Guidelines establish a regional MF prototype. Several characteristics (not all)

- **Climate**: 3 heating zones and 3 cooling zones
- **HVAC**: Four different primary types of HVAC in MF-weighted
- **Building Type**: 952 ft² unit size, 2 & 3 story buildings and various foundation types

Combine all characteristics. SEEM Model runs 144 variations for each state code. Take the AVERAGE and arrive at a single EUI energy performance number.
## Technical Analysis – Code Baseline

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DOEZER is a Federal Program for Efficient New Construction

Original Concept was to use the USDOE Zero Energy Ready (DOEZER) certification as a **threshold or performance bar**. Then we would incentivize any certification program that met or exceeded DOEZER energy performance.
Technical Analysis – DOEZER

USDOE Zero Energy Ready (DOEZER)
Federal Program for Extremely Efficient New Construction

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Performance Bar

Is Zero Energy Ready an EUI of 27 kBtu/ft² in Washington?

New Question:
• Is 2015 WA Energy Code really efficient, or
• Is there a range of EUI for zero energy ready

Proposal to Answer:
• Compare Passive House against WA Energy Code EUI
Ecotope ran a quick analysis comparing Passive House (PH) certification to the WA 2015 Energy Code baseline.

They looked at the PH EUI performance metrics and how it compares to the newly established code EUI baseline.

PH uses source EUI, but for consistency with the code baseline we will present in “relative” site EUI values.
## Code Baseline Comparison to PH

### Passive House

Certification Standard for Extremely Efficient New Construction

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Zero Energy Ready is a Range
Our Final Concept

1. Set **TWO** Performance Bars

2. Test Programs Against Performance Bars

3. Add Qualified Programs to Incentive Paths
BPA Programs New Multifamily Work

Program Based on WA Residential Code, but Payments and Savings are State Specific
New Program (Based on WA Res Energy Code)

10% (Energy Efficient)
- DOEZER
- + Other Interested Programs

25% (BPA Zero Energy Ready)
- PHIUS, PHI
- + Other Interested Programs

- Available for low, mid, and high rise
- BPA will maintain a Qualified Programs List (QPL) for each tier
- BPA will post requirements for inclusion on the QPLs
- Draft program language and QPL requirements will be available July 18
This is a new approach, so the Evaluation Plan will be part of Feedback and Continuous Improvement

- BPA will evaluate individual certifications used and whether grouping by performance tiers works
Future Challenges

• **Code Changes:**
  – When code is updated, 10% above level is updated as well
  – Eventually even the 25% tier will be equivalent to code

• **Remain Flexible and Open to Change**
BPA Technology Development

BPA’s Emerging Technology Discovery Process

Screen
During screening, we convene workshops with experts and other partner organizations to analyze and rank select technologies likely to have the greatest value for energy conservation programs.

Program and Market Adoption
Once the potential of a technology is validated, we work with program designers to determine the best strategy for regional conservation programs.

Scan
BPA and other partners across the region actively scan the market to identify promising new technologies to test for energy savings.

Assess
BPA partners with other organizations, utilities, and retail power consumers to conduct lab and field tests that validate potential energy savings and likelihood of adoption.

https://www.bpa.gov/EE/Technology/EE-emerging-technologies/Pages/default.aspx
What We’re Already Seeing

**CO2 Heat Pump Water Heaters**

- Recognized through our Technology Innovation process.
- Development support and field trials through our emerging technologies process.
- Several developers are interested in installing in zero energy ready buildings.
High performance building energy targets require new and thoughtful approaches to design and product choices.

Let market developers, design firms, and certification providers pick their own emerging technologies.

Promote market innovation and a system design approach.

Give BPA real-world test data.
  - Goal is to create new stand alone measure incentives.
This Program will Facilitate Emerging Technology Development

• High performance building development teams are pushing the envelope on new methods and technologies
• Provides BPA exposure to a broader range of technologies than we could research alone
• Can help us develop new stand alone incentive measures
• Creates partnership opportunities with developers, utilities & design firms

BPA wants to support and determine energy savings levels for new technologies as well as any potential installation barriers

• We can provide M&V services in real world environment
• Develop use cases or design guidelines
QUESTIONS?
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