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#### **Presentation Roadmap**









#### **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

**OPPORTUNITY** 







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#### 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







### **Policy Framework**

- 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?







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#### **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







### **BPA Energy Savings Calculations**

#### MF Energy Use Code Baseline Example for WA State



### **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







### **RTF Multifamily Prototype for Baseline**

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 ft<sup>2</sup> 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**

Specification	Consumption (kBtu) per Dwelling Unit	Site EUI (kBtu/ft2)
ID Code	46,584	48.9
MT Code	47,148	49.5
OR Code	36,251	38.1
WA Code	29,092	30.6







#### **Certification Performance Bar**

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**

Specification	Consumption (kBtu) per Dwelling Unit	Site EUI (kBtu/ft2)	Savings above code baseline(%)
ID DOEZER	34,288	36.0	26.4%
MT DOEZER	35,628	37.4	24.4%
OR DOEZER	26,044	27.4	28.2%
WA DOEZER	25,786	27.1	11.4%



#### **Performance Bar**

Is Zero Energy Ready an EUI of 27 kBtu/ft<sup>2</sup> 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







#### **Passive House Certification**

- 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**

Specification	Site EUI (kBtu/ft2)	PH Savings (%) compared to code baseline
ID Code	Estimate < 23	Estimate > 60%
MT Code	Estimate < 23	Estimate > 60%
OR Code	Estimate < 20	Estimate > 45%
WA Code	Estimate < 20	Estimate > 35%





#### Zero Energy Ready

# 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**

#### PROGRAMS

Unit Energy Savings W Measures P

10% Above WA Code Program

25% Above WA Code Program

Program Based on WA Residential Code, but Payments and Savings are State Specific







#### New Program (Based on WA Res Energy Code)

10% (Energy Efficient)	<ul> <li>+ Other</li> <li>Interested</li> <li>Programs</li> </ul>	
25% (BPA Zero Energy Ready)	<ul> <li>PHIUS, PHI</li> <li>+ Other Interested Programs</li> </ul>	

- 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







#### **Evaluation Plan**

### 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.



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#### 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 region a identify to tot for

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

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#### 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







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### 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.







### **Program is an Emerging Tech Incubator**



- 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







# **BPA Emerging Technology Integration**

#### 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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