

THE BIG PICTURE: ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN THE MIDWEST

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Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA)

- MEEA is a nonprofit membership organization with 150+ members, including:
 - Electric and Gas Utilities
 - State and local governments
 - Manufacturers and retailers
 - Academic and research institutions
 - Energy service companies and contractors
- Since 2000, MEEA has been the leading source for raising awareness and advancing sound energy efficiency policies and programs in the Midwest
- MEEA balances the diverse interests of its members and network across the public and private sectors, creating a common ground to affect positive change for energy efficiency in the Midwest.





MEEA's Role as a Resource





The Source on Energy Efficiency

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Several Pathways to Energy Efficiency





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 What policies drive energy efficiency investments by utilities in the Midwest?



Energy Efficiency Investments by Regulated Utilities

- Driven by:
 - -Statewide targets (savings or investment)
 - -Complementary policies
 - Integrated Resource Planning
 Requirements





Midwest Efficiency Targets and Funding Levels





Estimated Annual Utility Investment in Energy Efficiency in the Midwest





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\$Billions

Complementary Policies Supporting Utility Investment in Efficiency





Complementary Policies Supporting Utility Investment in Efficiency

	Mandate	Cost Recovery	Lost Revenues	Financial Incentives
Illinois	Yes (Electric and Gas)	Yes	No recovery in legislation, decoupling approved on case by case basis	No
lowa	Yes (Electric and Gas)	Yes	Revenue recovery allowed on case by case basis for gas	No
Kentucky	No	Yes	Lost revenue recovery allowed by legislation on approved programs	Yes
Michigan	Yes (Electric and Gas)	Yes	Decoupling; revenue recovery allowed on case by case basis	Yes
Minnesota	Yes (Electric and Gas)	Yes	Decoupling; recovery pilots approved on a case by case basis	Yes
Missouri	No	Yes	Lost revenue recovery allowed by legislation, decoupling approved case by case	Case by case
Ohio	Yes (Electric)	Yes	Lost revenue recovery and decoupling; approved on case by case basis	Case by case
Wisconsin	Yes (Electric and Gas)	Yes	Approved on a case by case basis	Case by case 16

Integrated Resource Planning

- IRP is a planning framework used to evaluate supply-side and demandside resources
- EERS produce more cost-effective savings than an IRP by providing a stable funding base for EE programs. Fuels long term energy savings within a state.
- The good news they can work together to achieve significant savings in a cost-effective, thoughtful way.



Energy Efficiency in Midwest States

Saved electricity as percent of total retail electricity sales, 2014





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 How can cooperatives bring the benefits of energy efficiency to their members?



North Dakota Rural Electric Cooperatives



Maps Courtesy of North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives



Rural Cooperatives and Energy Efficiency

- Drivers of efficiency investment:
 - Accountability to members
 - Reduce energy purchases by reducing peak demand
 - In some cases, regulatory mandate
- Unique challenges
 - Disperse customer base, low density
 - Low electric usage
 - Market disinterest
 - Funding (we'll return to this later in the presentation)
- MEEA Resource: Toolkit for Rural Energy Efficiency
 - Best practices guide for cooperatives throughout the Midwest



Rural Cooperatives and Energy Efficiency

- Case Study: Michigan Electric Cooperative Association Energy
 Optimization (EO) Collaborative Group
- Challenge: large service territories and relatively low electric usage of members
- EO collaborative formed to address compliance obligations collectively. includes eight co-op members and four municipalities
- Files collective Energy Optimization plans (as opposed to individual plans)
- Manages single RFP, selection and contracting processes for implementation and evaluation contractors
- Achieves economies of scale by pooling talent, sharing costs



• What is the value of industrial programs?



Utility Program Sectors





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Industrial EE is Important in the Midwest





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State	Program Administrator	Energy Type	\$ in benefits per \$1 cost*
wi	Focus on Energy	Electric &	\$3.80
IA	Interstate Power & Light	Electric	\$3.10
		Gas	\$3.41
MN	Xcel Energy	Electric	\$2.83
		Gas	\$2.97
МІ	DTE Energy	Electric	\$1.97
		Gas	\$2.43
МІ	Consumers Energy	Electric	\$1.66
		Gas	\$1.66
ОН	Dayton Power & Light	Electric	\$1.74
SD	Otter Tail Power	Electric	\$3.97

Return on Investment of Commercial & Industrial Energy Efficiency C&I Portfolios of Selected Midwest Program Administrators, 2013

*Benefits and costs calculated via the Total Resource Cost Test (TRC), except MN which is calculated via the Societal Cost Test (SCT).





Industrial Energy Efficiency Self-Direct and Opt-Out Policies Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, 2015



• What actions spur energy efficiency in **buildings**?



Residential Building Energy Code Adoption in the Midwest





Commercial Building Energy Code Adoption in the Midwest





Building Energy Benchmarking

General Definition:

- Track energy consumed by an existing building over time
- Compare results to similar buildings or an applicable standard



Image Courtesy of Portland State University



Benefits of Measuring Energy Use



Public-Private Partnership to Reduce GHGe



Midwest State Gov't Energy Data Collection / Use





Midwest Municipal Energy Data and Benchmarking Legislation Status



Municipal + Private Owned Benchmarking Ordinance Voluntary Program Underway in Municipality

Columbus, OH 2014+ Grand Rapids 2014+ Detroit 2014+ St. Louis 2015+ Madison 2016



Considering Idea by Municipality



Adopted by Local Gov't Minneapolis 2013 Chicago 2013 Cook County, IL 2014 Kansas City 2015



• How is energy efficiency financed?



On-Bill Financing in the Midwest

- Allows utility customers to invest in energy efficiency improvements and repay the funds through additional charges on their utility bills
 - Oftentimes is "bill-neutral"
- Achieves higher savings by assisting property owners with upfront financing
- Leverages the unique relationship between customers and utilities to provide convenient access to funding for energy efficiency investments





Kentucky Case Study: On-Bill Financing





- Four year old Co-op on-bill financing program in Eastern Kentucky, supported by PSC Order
- Big driver of on-bill financing is the Mountain Association of Community and Economic Development (MACED)
 - Worked with Co-ops to develop the on-bill program How\$martKY
- Loans cannot be issued for measures that require customers to finance the measure for longer than its lifetime
- Loans must be cash flow positive
- 90% rule: Monthly payment must be 90% or less than projected savings



How\$martKY Metrics (through 2015)



Retrofits	260	
Energy Assessments	443	
Average Projected Savings	5,122 kWh/month (\$48.57 based on KY energy costs)	
Average Charge	\$35.90	
Average Job Cost	\$7,939.00	
Average Financed Amount:	\$5,198.00	
Percentage of jobs for low to moderate income clients	59%	



Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)

- Similar to the concept of special municipal tax districts
- PACE districts established by local governments – issue loans to residential and commercial property owners to allow voluntary energy efficiency improvements
- Loan payments take the form of an assessment added to the property tax, typically with 20-year repayment
- Requires enabling state legislation





 How can North Dakota take advantage of performance contracting?



Private Efficiency Industry

- Energy service companies ("ESCO"s) typically provide energy savings performance contracts (ESPC), contracts for guaranteed energy savings through energy efficiency and facility improvements.
- Typically target the "MUSH" market: municipalities, universities and colleges, K-12 schools and hospitals (69% of total revenues).



Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance, 2015 Sustainable Energy in America Factbook.



Energy Savings Performance Contracting in North Dakota

- North Dakota law (NDCC § 48-05-09 thru 48-05-13) allow government entities to enter into "guaranteed energy savings contracts" with qualified providers
- Allows procurement of energy savings and facility improvements with no up-front capital costs or special appropriations.
- Public facility modernization without new taxes
- Spending on energy conservation measures must be less than amount to be saved in energy and operation costs over 15 years
- North Dakota has completed over \$21M in performance contracting, creating 235 job years and 180,000 MMBtus in annual energy savings. (Energy Services Coalition)





Other Energy Efficiency Financing Tools

- Loan Loss Reserve Fund
- Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds
- Revolving Loan Funds
- Rural Utility Service (RUS) Rural Energy Savings Program (RESP)
- USDA EECLP Program



MEEA EE Advocacy Toolkit

Online resource for MEEA members and advocates in communicating the value of energy efficiency to policymakers, the public, and other stakeholders.

- State Information including: updated fact sheets for IL, MI and OH; testimony submitted in MI and OH; state contacts; legislative and regulatory links, etc.
- <u>Resource Guide for Policymakers</u>: a comprehensive report on energy efficiency policies and programs in the Midwest.
- <u>EE Messaging</u>: supporting energy efficiency and refuting common opposition argument
- <u>PPT slides</u> tracking regional investment in energy efficiency, state by state investments, state regulations, etc.
- Sample letters to the <u>governor</u> and <u>editor</u> supporting energy efficiency
- Factsheets on key topics in energy efficiency.

Toolkit available at: www.mwalliance.org/advocacy



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