

Progress Report Workgroup #2: The Implementation Manual

Background

Excerpt from Scoping Document: “Problem Statement – Depending on one’s perspective, the current frequency of changes to the Implementation Manual (IM) may not be frequent enough or too frequent.”

Summary of Progress to Date

- The workgroup met via conference call and LiveMeeting on February 11th.
- Workgroup discussed two main perspectives:
 - Utility Perspective: The frequency of publication of the IM makes program planning and implementation, administration, marketing and oversight very challenging, at times confusing and adds costs. Publication is too frequent. A rate period IM would be ideal but at a minimum an Annual Manual should be considered.
 - BPA Perspective: Under the current model, BPA could be booking savings values that the RTF no longer supports for possibly as long as 15 months given the time it takes to update the IM ahead of the six month notice. Moving to an annual IM could prolong this by an additional six months.
- Workgroup Objective: Offer a proposal that will allow BPA to correctly capture and assign energy savings while providing a greater degree of stability in programs and policy for the utilities.
- Workgroup chairs presented seven options ranging from “status quo” to “Annual Manual” with six month change notice and no other changes allowed, to an “Annual Manual” hybrid in which some changes would be allowed and is the WG preferred option.
- The workgroup preference is an Annual Manual approach in which some yet to be identified changes may be allowed within year.
- The discussion resulted in three “action items” requiring follow-up.
- Co-chairs will then summarize the issues raised by the workgroup and work to develop a proposal upon which team can build consensus.
 - Will then present to WG for discussion, edits and/or modification
 - If WG finds acceptable will then present to BPA for consideration/comment
 - Rinse and repeat if necessary
- Presentation and meeting notes are at <http://www.bpa.gov/Energy/N/post-2011/index.cfm>

Does this approach seem reasonable? We welcome any thoughts from those outside the workgroup and would appreciate any additional feedback.

- Please contact Co-chairs or your EER if you would like to submit additional comments or provide input.
- Next meeting scheduled for 03/11 and 04/08

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