

Sector Based Energy Efficiency Program Feedback – December 14th

Comments from the CFIC Business Working Group

- Suggested there should be an incentive for Energy Managers to help Small Business of Low Income/Social Housing
- Multitude of programs now around low income - concern raised that if Energy Managers provide assistance under other funded programs that this would add to free ridership
- Suggested there should be some LDC representation in the evaluation of the RfP responses
- Concern raised that the vendor chosen needs to focus on the whole province not just the GTA and large LDCs as usually happens – need something in the RfP to ensure this is covered
- EESPs should not be overlapping with Energy Managers – not engineers going in and doing audits
- Suggested to engage LDCs to see whether they need specific help in specific regions and/or specific sectors in order to pinpoint where Energy Managers might be spread out.
- Could an advanced warning be provided? Survey with utilities suggested – need to determine where LDCs and Utilities really need help
- Consideration needs to be given as to how you would handle if one LDC wants an Energy Manager but another LDC in that territory does not
- Can an LDC opt out?
- Concern raised that comments may be self-serving in trying to influence the RfP and where Energy Managers are assigned
- How will IESO Evaluation handle the allocation of projects to LDC or energy managers? Impact on NTG?
- Has there been consideration of gas collaboration in the program design and development recognizing that the CFF and DSM gas utilities frameworks call for collaboration
- These sector managers need to help everyone
 - how are these sector energy managers going to support those underserved markets
 - They should be given a list of customers that don't have energy managers or LDC dedicated key account reps
 - Include in the evaluation criteria that they are to demonstrate how they will tackle the hard to reach marketplace
- Consider:
 - Evaluation criteria – favour those who may be perceived as neutral by customer e.g. association and LDC
 - Evaluation criteria - Proponents submit letter of support from LDCs
- Can you make it a requirement that energy service providers are paid for non-incented savings?
- Though there is a concern there may be similar issues to the EESP program the BWG considers it not that harmful and manageable given scope of contracts and limited number of sector based energy managers