Cal TF "Priority Solutions" for EE/Electrification



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Existing EE/Decarbonization oversight framework (CPUC and PA) developed under completely different paradigm



Continued EE/Decarbonization funding "at risk"









EE/Decarbonization savings essential to *affordably* achieving GHG reductions and modernizing grid

California should maintain its leadership position in EE and other customer demand-side programs



Six EE Priority Solutions



Designed to <u>unleash</u> and <u>accelerate</u> EE

Developed through collaborative stakeholder discussions ED Staff Program Administrators Implementers TF and PAC Members

#1: Clear Rules, Reasonably Applied

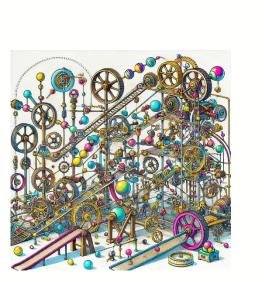




- All Rules Public, Single Location
- Regular, Scheduled Updates with "Grace Period" for Effective Date
 - Communicated to All Stakeholders
- Reviewer Interpretation:
 - Were rules reasonably interpreted?
 - **NOT**:
 - Would reviewer have interpreted differently?
- Ensure stakeholders are aware of process and engagement opportunities

#2: Streamlined and Standardized





- Single Statewide (*incl. PA*)
 - Guidance Documents/Wiki
 - Forms and Tools
 - Review Processes
 - Web-based + validations
- Streamlined Reviews for Measure Packages and Custom Projects (PA and CPUC Staff)
 - Small projects
 - Projects using approved tools and methods
- Single Set of Integrated Databases for EE Measures and Projects
 - Project Development (if PA consents)
 - Project Review
 - Evaluation
 - Easy to extract data to track performance/other

#3. Design for Customer and Market

Tradespeople



Customers

- Centralize program information and intake
 - Concierge
 - Account Service Reps
- Provide certainty/reliability in program rules and processes
- Timely, rapid measure/project review and approval
 - Pay trades and customers quickly!!!
- Solicit/respond to market feedback

#4: Reform Customer Incentive Eligibility



- Customers must know *up front* whether project is incentive –
 eligible
 - Clear, objective template for customer incentive eligibility
 - No subjective "influence" determinations
- Allow PA Discretion to Support Customer/Program Benefits
 - Customers not automatically denied incentives when administrative rules violated

#5: Correctly Measure Savings

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- Correctly Determine Baseline to Appropriately Count Savings:
 - Code
 - Rigorous Population-based Baseline Study
 - No more "informal" studies
 - Existing Conditions
- Eliminate rules that exclude broad classes of customers
 - They had "green" corporate objectives so would have done it anyway

#6: Modernize NTG



- Eliminate NTG "Inheritance" Tax
 - New programs get default .85 NTG

- Program-level NTG Values Determined Ex Post, Applied Prospectively
 - Customer payments not affected by program-level NTG ratios
- Get Rid of "Influence" in Ex Ante
 - Demonstrate implementer helped get project "over the finish line"
- Modernize Ex Post NTG Survey Tool
 - Discount NTG when free ridership is found, not when influence cannot be demonstrated as "more likely than not"