

Energy Efficiency Action Plan

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Goal Statement

To create a sustainable, aggressive national commitment to energy efficiency through gas and electric utilities, utility regulators, and partner organizations.



Overview of Energy Efficiency Action Plan

- Many cost-effective energy efficiency solutions
 - Well-designed and cost-effective programs that work
 - Significant potential for greater investment and savings
- Utilities well positioned to deliver more efficiency, but barriers exist
- Leadership Group:
 - Recognizes that utilities and regulators have critical role
 - Recognizes success requires joint effort
 - Will work across their spheres of influence to remove barriers
 - Commits to take action within their own organization



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Leadership Group

- Comprised of electric and gas utilities, state public utility commissions, state energy/environment agencies, energy consumers, energy service providers, NGOs
- Many CEE members involved
 - ACEEE
 - Austin Energy
 - Bonneville Power Administration
 - California Energy Commission
 - Efficiency Vermont
 - New York Power Authority
 - New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
 - Pacific Gas and Electric
 - Sacramento Municipal Utility District
 - Seattle City Light
 - Southern California Edison
 - Xcel Energy

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Working Groups to Address Barriers and Develop Business Solutions

- Utility Ratemaking and Revenue Requirements
 - Net revenue linked to throughput creates disincentive to EE
 - Decoupling / shareholder incentives mechanisms possible solutions
- Rate Design
 - Can discourage EE
 - Difficult to change
- Planning Processes
 - Standard utility resource planning processes do not typically evaluate EE as a competitive resource
- Programs Best Practices
 - Lack of awareness/information on programs that work



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Expected Outcomes

- Documenting business practices / solutions for overcoming barriers limiting utility investment in energy efficiency
 - Removing disincentives / providing incentives
 - Integrating EE into utility planning
 - Examples of EE programs that work
 - Tactics that help EE succeed
- Communication strategy for spreading practices / solutions during Summer/Fall 2006
 - regional/state workshops
- A network of experts and resource materials on energy efficiency practices



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Next Steps

Summer 2006

- Final Working Group materials
- Initiate Communication Strategy
- National Roll Out at NARUC Meetings July 31
- Announcements by members of the leadership group of the commitments they are making within their sphere of influence

For additional information, visit
www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/eeactionplan.htm



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