# **EXPANDING US EVALUATION MANDATES**





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## **US ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM SCENARIO**



- □ US Program Scenario
  - > Key Point: Programs Are Not Driven by Federal Government
  - State Based But Considerable State-to-State Variation
  - System Benefit Utility Rate Charges Fund Programs
- ☐ Increasing Drivers for Energy Efficiency
  - Growing Regulatory Mandates for Energy Efficiency and DM
  - More Challenging Targets for EE
- Key Concerns and Questions
  - Are Planned and Estimated Savings Being Achieved?
    - Difficulties in Accurate Project Savings Estimation
  - Addressing Biases of Program Managers, Vendors, ESCOs
  - Are Programs and Projects Effective?
  - Can Appropriate Evaluations Help Answer These Questions?

## CHARACTERISTICS OF US PROGRAM EVALUATION



- Mature US Energy Program Evaluation Practice
  - > Numerous Dedicated Energy Program Evaluation Firms
- □ Regulatory Mandates for Evaluation
  - > 3<sup>rd</sup> Party or Independent Not by Project Implementers
- ☐ Traditionally, Has Been Strictly Post-Installation
- □ Types of Energy Program Evaluation
  - Impact Evaluation and M&V Determination of Achieved Savings
  - Process Evaluation Procedural Effectiveness of Programs
  - Market Characteristics and Effects



## **KEY STANDARD EVALUATION PROTOCOLS**



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- □ There are many evaluation manuals and protocol documents that have guided the US industry for years:
  - ➤ International Performance Measurement & Verification Protocol (IPMVP) (Note that Volume 1 of this seminal document has been produced in fourteen languages.)
  - California Energy Efficiency Evaluation Protocols: Technical, Methodological, and Reporting Requirements for Evaluation Professionals
  - > The California Evaluation Framework
  - DOE NREL Uniform Methods Project (Department of Energy National Renewable Energy Laboratory)
  - Many more....

#### **EU EVALUATION CONSIDERATIONS**



- Considerable Member State Variation
  - Emerging Programs have or will have different evaluation and M&V requirements
- □ Projects and Programs What are the evaluation mandates?
- □ Third Party Evaluation Not Always Mandated?
- As New Programs Develop, we will see...
  - New Evaluation and M&V Requirements
  - > Implementer or Third-Party Mandates
  - > Approaches for Quality Assurance and Savings Verification

#### **NEED FOR CHANGE IN US PROGRAM EVALUATION**



- Many Drivers for Enhanced Evaluation Approaches
- ☐ Increasing Scrutiny on Energy Efficiency Industry
  - Climate Change
  - > EE Integration with Renewable and Distributed Generation
  - Micro-Grid Development
  - Resource and Demand Constraints
  - Huge Expectations of Energy Efficiency Industry
- Need for Reduced Evaluation Costs
- □ Need for More Immediate Results
- □ Usefulness of Results
  - Overall Quality Assurance
  - Information for Energy and Program Policy
  - Information for Program Managers
  - > Feedback for Vendors, ESCOs, and End Users

#### **EVALUATION INTEGRATED WITH PROGRAM DELIVERY**



- ☐ Third Party Independent Evaluation Needs to Persist
- □ But:
  - ➤ Evaluation Done in Isolation, Without Closer Integration with Program Delivery Staff Cannot Persist
  - A Process Where Evaluators Develops an Effective Relationship with Implementers and Installers is Necessary
- □ Integrated Program Evaluation Enables
  - Continual and Dynamic Program and Project Improvement
  - Enhanced Program Tracking
  - > Improved Baseline and Existing System Insights
  - Enhanced Estimation of Savings
  - Continual Quality Assurance

## INCORPORATING PRE- AND POST-INSTALL M&V



- Evaluators Involved in Projects Prior to Installation
  - > Facility and System Inspection Prior to Install
  - Enhanced Insights into Baseline Performance
- ☐ Immediate Post-Installation M&V
- □ Results are More Accurate
  - > Insights into the Pre-installation Systems
  - More Immediate M&V
  - Ability to Acquire More Comprehensive Facility Data
- □ System for Dynamic and Continual Improvement of Savings Estimations and Projects
- Evaluators Continue to Work as an Independent Third Party, But Clearly Have to Work Closely with Project Implementers

#### MOVING TO REAL TIME EVALUATION



- Integration of Several Approaches
  - ➤ Immediate Post-M&V
  - Facility Data Collection
  - (Pre-M&V) or Baseline Assumptions or Models
  - Web-enabled Metering
  - Web-enabled Analysis
- □ Real Time Delivery of Data and Results
  - Raw Metering Data
  - Analysis Based Data and Project Information
  - Single Site and Aggregate Analyses
- Dashboard and Reports for Real-Time Savings
- □ Moving to the NegaWatt "Meter" (nW; nWh)
  - System Must Integrate the Analytics

## SAMPLE PROJECT: CON EDISON M&V



- □ Client: Consolidated Edison of New York
  - > Focused EE and DM Program Efforts
  - Need for Immediate Reporting of Results for Demand-Constrained Regions of New York City
  - Some Sampling but Mostly Census-Level M&V
  - > Addressing Multi-family, Small Business, and Large Custom
- □ Progressively Adopting Enhanced Eval Approaches
  - Dynamic Relationship Between Program Delivery and Evaluators
  - Pre-install M&V for Many Projects
  - Comprehensive Post-install M&V and Data Collection
  - Prompt Reporting of Results (Online and Summary Reports)
- □ Real-Time Evaluation: Being Developed

### **CONCLUSIONS AND DISCUSSION**



- □ Past Evaluation Approaches Need to be Enhanced
  - More Immediate Results
  - Usefulness of Evaluation Results
  - > Reflect New Technologies and Software Approaches
- Key Questions
  - Will enhanced approaches facilitate improved implementer evaluator relations?
  - Will enhanced approaches lead to more US state-to-state consistency?
  - > Will aspects of evolving US evaluation approaches have applicability in the dynamic EU market?
  - > Are web-enabled M&V and analytics going to drive how all future evaluations are done?





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