

Session 3B: Pathways to Residential Building Decarbonization

Welcome to our Panelists



- Keith Dennis, Senior Director, Strategic Initiatives, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
- Eugenia Gibbons, Clean Energy Programs Director, Green Energy Consumers Alliance
- Kerry O'Neill, Vice-President, Residential Programs, Connecticut Green Bank
- Richard Faesy, Principal, Energy Futures Group

Pathways to Deep Decarbonization





Region's Aggressive Carbon Reduction Targets









Aren't we on the path to 80% CO2 reductions?





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Direct Use of Fossil Fuels (NE/NY)





Advanced Electrification Technologies





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Requires massive market transformations



- Assumed Market shares in 2035 according to NEEP's "Plausibly Optimistic" scenario reflects;
 Residential Heat Pumps-
 - 89% for delivered fuel systems
 - 68% sales share of today's natural gas systems sales
 - Cars and Light trucks-
 - 70% of Sales



Time to ACT!



Building Decarbonization -> 3 Key Elements



NEEP's analysis points to three critical elements to a strategic electrification pathway that benefits consumers, businesses and the environment. These are:



The Action Plan





Beneficial Electrification

Keith Dennis Senior Director, Strategic Initiatives National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA)



Introduction: What is "Beneficial Electrification?"

Beneficial Electrification League:

"The application of electricity to end-uses that would otherwise consume fossil fuels (e.g., natural gas, propane, oil, gasoline) where doing so satisfies at least one of the three following conditions, without adversely affecting the other two:

1) Benefit the environment and reduce greenhouse gas emissions;

- 2) Save consumers money over time;
- 3) Foster a more robust and resilient grid."



Opportunity for "EBE" to Improve "Emissions Efficiency"



While the energy efficiency of devices will not change once installed, the emissions efficiency (or "emiciency") will improve over time

Using Electric End-Uses Smartly is Energy Efficiency

50-gallon Tank

80-gallon Tank



- Electric water heaters can be used as thermal storage to save consumers money, manage the grid, and lower emissions through using energy wisely.
- Energy "efficiency" should include options like smart water heating that changes time of when energy is used. Unlike kWh saved, CO₂ emissions saved are all equal.
- Dual fuel options similarly are beneficial to grid, consumers, and environment
- Source energy and kWh are increasingly outdated metrics for "energy efficiency"

New Opportunities for All Incomes

June 2018 Public Utility Fortnightly Article



Utilities are a key part of solution with ~ \$8 Billion on EE spending annually

Welcome the "Beneficial Electrification League"!!!



- A new non-profit dedicated to promoting the benefits of beneficial electrification.
- www.beneficialelectrification.com
- Supporters include: Natural Resources
 Defense Council (NRDC), National
 Rural Cooperative Association
 (NRECA), Environment and Energy
 Institute (EESI), WECC, Great River
 Energy, Oglethorpe Power, Jackson
 EMC, and more.

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Eugenia Gibbons, Green Energy Consumers Alliance



Using Financing & Special Offers to Support CT Residential Decarbonization Goals and Market Transformation

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Smart-E Loan for Homeowners with Network of Local Lenders & Contractors



Quick, Easy, Affordable

- Unsecured personal loan, no application fee, no prepayment penalty
- Low-interest with flexible terms and fixed monthly payments
 - 2nd loss reserve used to achieve below market rates and longer terms
- **40+** energy improvements can be financed
 - Boilers, Furnaces, Heat Pumps, Central Air, Insulation, Solar, EV Chargers and more!
 - Loan amounts from \$500-\$40,000
- 25% of Loan can be used to address health & safety, appliances, "other"
- Working capital built in for contractors



- Standard: 640+ FICO, 40-45% DTI
- Credit-Challenged: 580+ FICO, 50% DTI



smart-e loan

Case Study: Using Special Promotions with CT Market Transformation in Mind

Goal: Use a 7 month 0.99% interest rate buydown to achieve lasting impacts on the Connecticut market and...

- 1. Support state policies to drive customer awareness of specific technologies/packages
 - Heat pumps, solar +, going deeper
- 2. Create customer "pull" with contractors to recruit new companies to Smart-E
- 3. Deepen contractor engagement with Smart-E



High efficiency heat pump technology can reduce energy costs while cooling and heating your home. Heat pumps provide year-round comfort, making your home cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter.

Limited-Time Heat Pump Technology Special Offer

- 0.99% financing
- 5, 7, and 10-year terms available
- Finance 100% of your project

 Use up to 25% of the loan for related home upgrades like EnergyStar® appliances and healthy home improvements.

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Qualifying Heat Pump Technology

Ductless mini splits

heat pumps

Air source heat pumps

Heat pump hot water heaters

· Geothermal/ground source



Case Study: Using Special Promotions with CT Market Transformation in Mind



During 2017 Campaign	After Campaign – 2018
 6x increase in volume – 10x increase in heat pump volume 54 new contractors Majority of new entrants are HVAC 	 Volume didn't collapse! 2018 run rate is 3-4x higher than the volume before campaign, including heat pumps
 Brought total to 300 85% of contractors used product during campaign vs. 60% in the year before 	 Continue training contractors Over 400 now Majority of new entrants still HVAC Some contractors now funding

their own buydowns with

lenders

Smart-E Loan Heat Pump Results in Connecticut





smart-e loan



Solar, heat pump helps couple save money and stay comfortable

 Ductless mini-splits most common

- Then air source heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, and geothermal
- Heat pumps can sell even when oil prices are low
 - <u>Cooling</u> and comfort are the big customer drivers
- One third of heat pump projects were part of multi-measure jobs
 - Heat pumps + solar, insulation or other HVAC



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Pathways to Residential Building Decarbonization - Home Energy Rating & Labeling to Scale-Up

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About Energy Futures Group

Vermont-based clean energy consulting firm established in 2010

Areas of Expertise

- Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy
- Program Design
- Policy Development
- Expert Witness Testimony
- Building Codes
- Evaluation
- Cost-Effectiveness

Range of Clients

- Government Agencies
- Advocates
- Regulators
- Utilities

Clients in 39 states and provinces plus regional, national and international organizations.





The Decarbonization Challenge

SIZING UP THE CHALLENGE: Efficiency Retrofits + Heating Electrification NY & New England Homes

- 14.6 million homes
- 20% of regional carbon emissions
- 73% built before 1980
- 80%+ need:
 - + Efficiency retrofits and associated improvements
 - + Heat pumps
 - = \$5,000 \$20,000 per home
- Cost: \$175 billion +

\$14 Billion Annual Regional Spend on Home Heating Fuels

Data Sources – US Census Bureau and US DOE Energy Information Administration



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Decarbonization Strategies



Energy Labeling Supports These Efforts

- Key to scaling-up investments in building efficiency, renewables and electrification by making energy visible
- The "Virtuous Cycle of Energy Information Disclosure"



(Dunsky/NEEP 2009)

Labeling & Disclosure Supports Decarbonization

- 1. Transparency allows for market valuation of energy efficient properties and their features.
 - To overcome market awareness, lender/appraiser/Realtor, policy and regulatory barriers
- 2. Prepares the market for building energy performance requirements for existing buildings.
 - Voluntary programs are insufficient to meet our climate stabilization goals.
 - Building energy codes for existing buildings will be needed.
 - Portland, Oregon time of listing Home Energy Score requirement
 - District of Columbia pending legislation to establish a minimum energy performance requirement for existing commercial buildings
 - Rating and Disclosure ordinance (2008)
 - Database of benchmarking
 - Helped build market capacity

Tools and Resources

- EMPRESS (<u>http://empress.naseo.org/energy</u> -labeling)
- **HELIX** (Home Energy Labeling Information eXchange)
 - Database to move energy information into the MLS
 - NEEP project
- **PEARL Certification** (<u>https://pearlcertification.com/</u>)
- EPA ENERGY STAR Certification for Existing Homes

Home Energy Labeling:

A Guide for State and Local Governments

Created by the EMPRESS Team



The EMPRESS (Energy Metrics to Promote Residential Energy Scorecards in States) project is a State Energy Office-led 2017-2018 project supported by funding from the U.S. Department of Energy State Energy Program and private sector partners. The project is focused on enhancing large-scale residential home energy labeling and harmonizing various energy scoring programs to better support the market valuation of energy efficient homes.

Project Partners Include: the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources, the Massachusetts

What's Next?

- Create labels that are relevant and understandable
 - To building owners, tenants, buyers, investors, lenders, appraisers, Realtors, code officials, utilities, policy makers, etc.
- Support a labeling infrastructure
 - Of credentialed professionals (HERS Raters, BPI contractors, engineering firms, etc.)
- Make energy visible
 - Auto-populate MLS, Zillow, Realtor.com, Trulia, etc. with data from utility programs, code compliance, solar installations, etc.
- Support markets and reward building upgrades through transparency and disclosure at time of listing
- Evolve building energy codes to disclose, reward low-users and upgrade high users







Richard Faesy

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Moderator: Dave Lis, NEEP

Audience small group discussions



- What were the most compelling strategies or programs you heard from the panel?
- What outstanding questions to you have about the strategies or programs?