

# Northeast Strategic Energy Management Collaborative 2020: Pathways Towards Integration

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**State Partners**: CT DEEP, CT Energy Efficiency Board, Eversource Energy, United Illuminating Company, Southern Connecticut Gas and Connecticut Natural Gas

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#### **District of Columbia**

**State Partners**: Department of Energy and Environment and DC Sustainable Energy Utility

Partners in 2017/2019/2020

#### **Massachusetts**

**State Partners**: Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

Partners in 2019

#### **New Hampshire**

**State Partners**: NH Office of Strategic Initiatives, NH Public Utilities Commission, Eversource Energy, NH Electric Coop, Unitil and Liberty Utilities

Partners in 2017/2018/2019/2020

#### **New York**

State Partners: NYSERDA

Partners in 2017/2018/2019/2020

#### **Rhode Island**

**State Partners**: RI Office of Energy Resources, National Grid RI, RI Department and Education and RI Energy Efficiency & Resource Management Council

Partners in 2017/2018/2019/2020

#### **Vermont**

**State Partners**: Efficiency Vermont

Partners in 2017/2018/2019/2020

#### **West Virginia**

State Partners: West Virginia Office of Energy

Partners in 2020

## **Workshop Guidelines – Antitrust Statement**



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## **Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships**



"Assist the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic region to reduce building sector energy consumption by at least 3% per year and carbon emissions by at least 40% by 2030 (relative to 2001)"

#### Mission

We seek to accelerate regional collaboration to promote advanced energy efficiency and related solutions in homes, buildings, industry, and communities.

### **Approach**

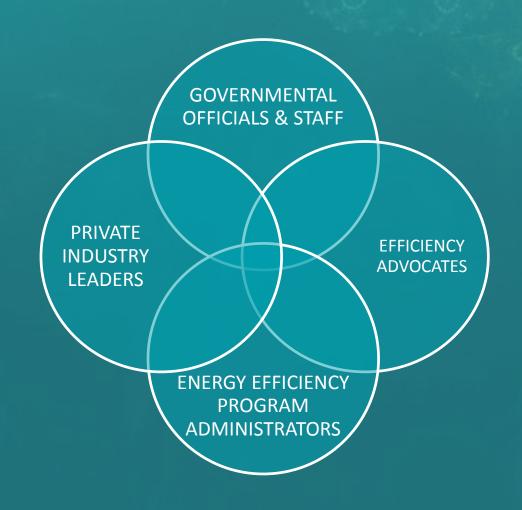
Drive market transformation regionally by fostering collaboration and innovation, developing tools, and disseminating knowledge



## **Deep and Broad Relationships**



NEEP's core audiences and partners are states, local government, industry and advocates leading the way for advanced energy efficiency and low carbon building solutions responsive to the needs of customers and the electric grid.



### NEEP's 2021 SEM Mission



#### **MISSION**

Accelerating adoption of Strategic Energy Management to continuously improve building and industrial facility energy efficiency, productivity, health, comfort and safety, while reducing costs and carbon emissions.

#### LONG TERM MARKET TRANSFORMATION GOALS

#### By 2025:

All Northeast states have policies and programs to support adoption of SEM in the commercial and industrial sectors

#### By 2030:

All Northeast states adopt 2050 carbon neutral mandates for all homes and buildings with zero energy/carbon codes for new and renovated homes and buildings to begin by 2032.

### **Audience Participation**

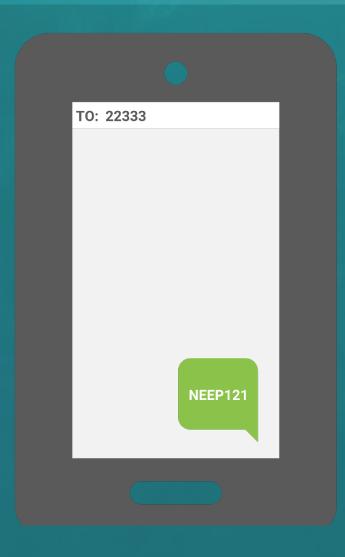


- Attendee microphones are in mute mode
- Session question & answer segments
- Polling via cell phone



## **Polling Instructions**





Text NEEP121 to 22333 to participate in our polls.

## What state are you joining us from today?

## Which of these fields is most applicable to your line of work.

Government

Utility program administration

**Program Implementation** 

Research and Development

Other

## **Today's Workshop Objective**



Provide a platform to learn and participate in discussions about the practices, policies, and processes that contribute to continued SEM success in the Northeast region.

- Regional and National SEM Program Successes
- > Assigning a Measure of Life to SEM Program Savings
- Emerging SEM Opportunities
- > The SEM Experience A Customer's Journey



## Regional and National SEM Program Successes

## **Greatest 2020 Regional SEM Accomplishments**



- Initiating new projects despite the challenges introduced by COVID
- Adapting SEM programs to virtual models
- Maintaining cohort participation
- Helping customers respond to COVIDrelated challenges



#### **VERMONT**

Maintaining majority of participants through 2020 program year between two cohorts



## MASSACHUSETTS & RHODE ISLAND

Claiming the first CEI savings, both electric and natural gas, for the Year 1 performance period in each state.



#### **CONNECTICUT**

Initiating new projects in 2020 and advancing projects that were engaged prior to 2020, despite challenges with COVID.

## **2020 Regional SEM Barriers**



- Program reevaluation in response to COVID
- Moving entire programs to virtual delivery
- The sudden halt of workshop gatherings and site visits
- Learning how to offer SEM remotely
- Finding savings during prolonged non-routine events

#### **NEW YORK**

Becoming creative about fostering the peer to peer engagement on web meetings since it wasn't something that came naturally in that forum.

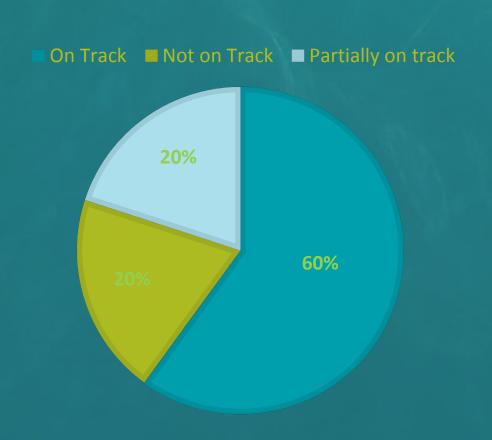
#### **VERMONT**



Adapting to COVID closures and reductions by ensuring that customers' needs were met, regarding emergency operation changes.

## **Accomplishing 2020 Regional SEM Goals**





### What helped to keep programs on track?

- Quick adaptation of SEM materials for web-based live online delivery
- Close relationships between implementers and utilities
- Regular involvement with the site energy champions
- Willingness of participants to move forward with their SEM programs
- Shifting goals to get participants to new offerings

## 2020 National SEM Accomplishments



#### NORTH AMERICAN SEM COLLABORATIVE



- Delivering two of the three committed items that came out of the 2019 SEM Summit
  - Getting the Cost Effectiveness funded research paper off the ground and running
  - Delivering the Negative Savings sub-group findings
- Delivering engaging and informative webinars
- Delivering a very successful Virtual SEM Summit

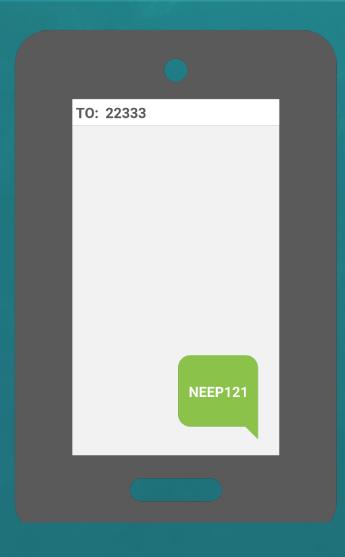
#### U.S. DOE



- Navigator "3.0": now aligned to ISO 50001:2018
- Migration of existing projects to use new tasks and guidance optional throughout 2020
- List of transition resources and Navigator feature upgrade: task worksheets
- Launch new on-line 50001 Ready cohorts early next year. Information on them will be released later this month/early December

## **Polling Instructions**





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# Using one word, what do you think is the most important factor for SEM program success?



## **Assigning a Measure of Life to SEM Program Savings**



Moderator: Layne McWilliams, Cascade Energy

### Introductions





Jess Burgess, Econoler



Erika Kociolek, Energy Trust



Derek Okada, Southern California Edison



Peter Therkelsen, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

# What measure life should be assigned to SEM program savings?

1-2 years

3-4 years

5-6 years

More than 6 years



# Sneak Peek: NASEMC Cost-Effectiveness and Persistence

Peter Therkelsen, Ph.D.

Research Scientist, Berkeley National Laboratory

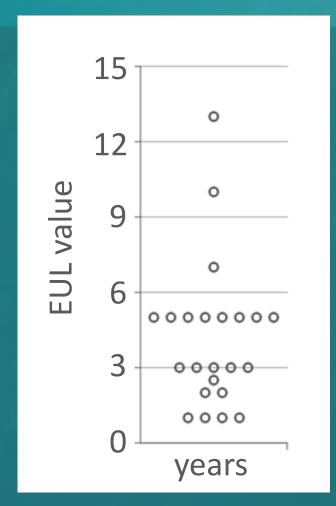
## Research purpose and direction



- Purpose
  - Investigate energy savings persistence and cost-effectiveness of SEM programs
- Process
  - Survey of program evaluation reports
  - 24 programs interviewed
- Interview topics: program design, energy savings determination, energy savings persistence, program cost-effectiveness, program energy management persistence
- Analysis underway!

## EUL values are clustered, origination unclear





EUL Selection Rational	Count
Relied on a secondary source	6
Made a reasonable assumption	4
Estimated based on the types of measures installed	4
Evaluated	3
Conducted primary study	2
Blend of previous custom and prescriptive projects	1
Developed internally based on attrition rate	1
Negotiated with consultants	1
Regulatory decisions	1
Don't know	2
n/a	3

EULs cover a wide range of values:

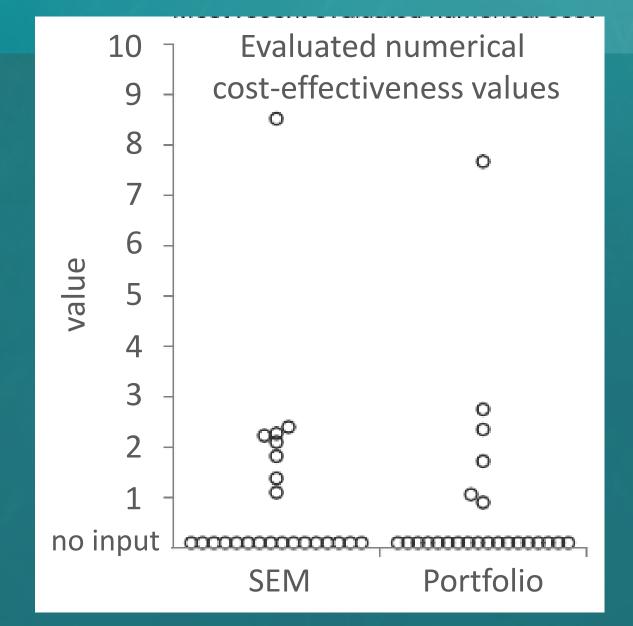
• Should this be explored?

EULs come from many sources:

• Should there be protocols or consistency?25

### **Cost-effectiveness tests and values**

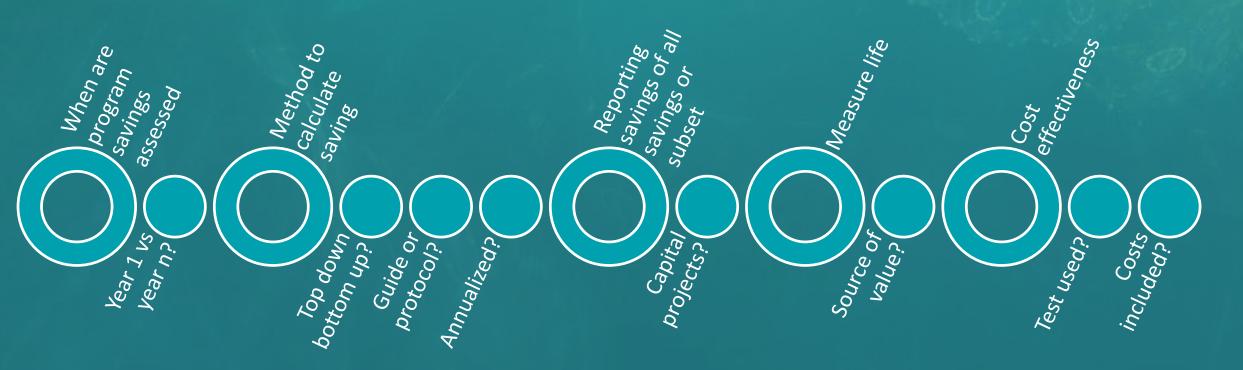




Type of C-E Test	Responses
TRC	19
UC/PAC	5
SC	3
RIM	1
MTRC	1
LCE	1

## Differences in calculating cost-effectiveness





- Is greater consistency of inputs possible, useful, worth pursuing?
- Can non-energy benefits be better revealed? Quantified?
- Can program elements and savings, non-energy benefits or, c-e value be linked?

## What would you most want to learn from an SEM program evaluation?

# What value does SEM provide to a sponsoring utility beyond claimable energy savings?

# What measure life should be assigned to SEM program savings?

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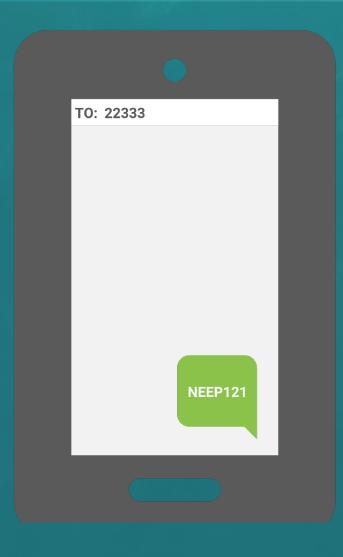
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## **Polling Instructions**





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# What is the first thing you would do when things get back to "normal"?

# Using one word, what do you think is a major SEM implementation challenge today?



## **Emerging SEM Opportunities**

Integrating SEM with other program activities



Moderator: Rory Schmick, Stillwater Energy

## **Integrated Demand-Side Management (IDSM)**



 IDSM is a strategic approach to designing and delivering a portfolio of demand side management (DSM) programs to customers.

#### **IDSM Offerings**

Energy Efficiency (EE)

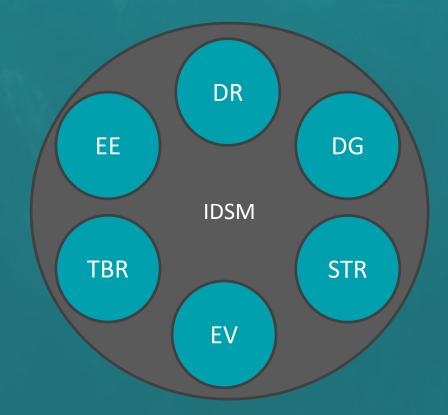
Demand Response (DG)

Distributed Generation (DG)

Storage (STR)

Electric Vehicle Tech (EV)

Time-Based Rates (TBR)

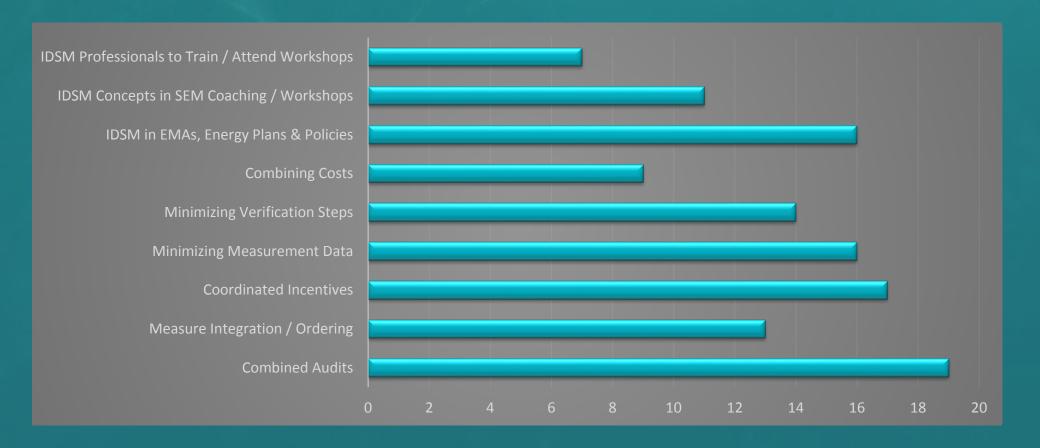




## Highlights from IDSM+SEM Webinar – June 4, 2020



### How do you integrate approaches in IDSM?



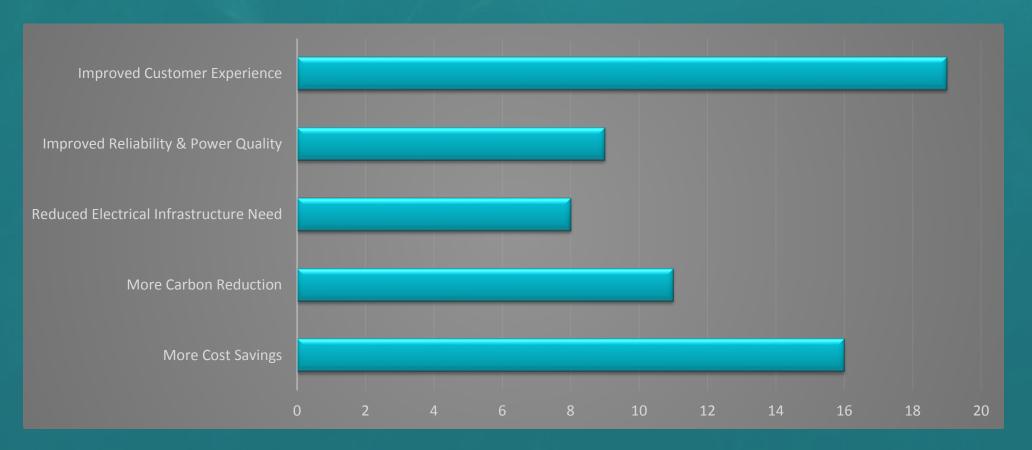


North American SEM Collaborative

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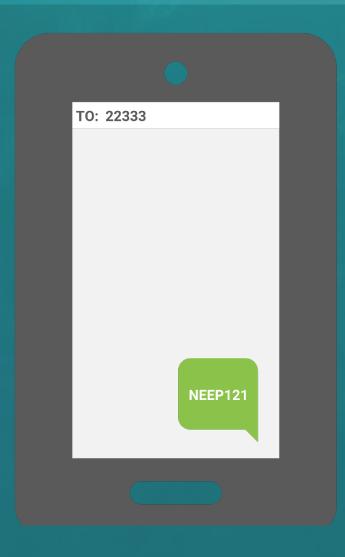
### What are the benefits from combining the actions/activities?





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Does your organization - or the organization you most support - integrate these programs with SEM: energy efficiency (capital projects), demand response, distributed generation, storage, electric vehicle technologies, timebased rate programs

Don't integrate
Slowly integrating
Integrating Soon
Integrating Now



### Thank You!

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## Introductions





Marie Abdou, National Grid



Zoe Dawson, VEIC



Katie Dooley, NYSERDA



Jason Snyder, TVA



# The SEM Experience – A Customer's Journey Village of Essex Junction VT



James Jutras, Essex Junction, VT

## In the Beginning!



- Family upbringing
- Improve process control: plain and simple
- Partnering
  - Village of Essex Junction Board of Trustees
  - TriTown Committee on Sewage Treatment
  - Efficiency Vermont
  - Green Mountain Power Corporation
  - U.S. Department of Energy
- Strategic Plan N/A: Continuous Facility Improvement and Capital Plan.
   ID problem areas and solution: Asset Management



## Leveraging process control improvement and energy efficiency



- Discounted for necessary capital improvements
- Address process shortcomings as part of the design / implementation
- Use funding to reduce capital cost and to reduce staff maintenance needs where possible. Asset Management
- Challenges
  - Ahead of the curve can cause challenges
  - It takes a project or facility champion
- Next Steps
  - Benchmarking and optimization of installations
  - Reevaluate: Energy Audit, Energy Cohort, Kaizen

## Some project highlights to date



- Third SCADA system in 30 years
- Third Lighting retrofit
- Second incentive for high efficiency aeration blowers
- Advanced process control backbone
- Right sizing motors and equipment
- Power monitoring
  - Load Shed
  - Load Rolling
  - Flexible Load Management Pilot
- FLM

## What you earn!



#### Performance Period Update Report

**Essex Junction** 

model: Power (kW) = 166 - 0.04\*kWh\_gen

Reporting Period Start Date	2019-09-01
Reporting Period End Date	2020-07-01
Number of points	305
Average power actual (kW)	108
Predicted usage during period, energy (kWh)	862,155
Actual usage during period, energy (kWh)	789,893
Savings during period, energy (kWh)	72,262
Savings uncertainty (kWh)	+/-14,334
Savings fraction	8.4%
Uncertainty percentage points	+/-1.7%
Fractional savings uncertainty (target<50%)	19.8%

#### Efficiency Vermont

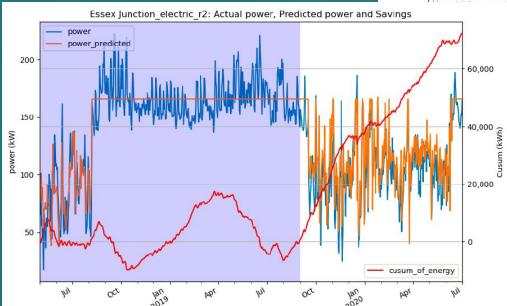
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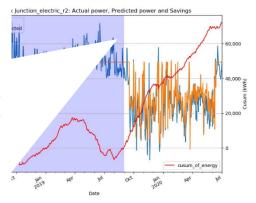
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## **Questions?**





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## **Workshop Debrief and Closing**

Giselle Procaccianti, NEEP

# In what ways can NEEP best continue to support regional SEM advancement going forward?

## Key Takeaways from Today's Workshop



#### **Regional and National SEM Program Successes**

- Most Northeast states have been able to accomplish their 2020 SEM goals despite the challenges that they faced
  in 2020.
- Regional organizations that support SEM were also able to accomplish their SEM-related goals.
  - > US DOE has made preparations to launch the new on-line 50001 Ready cohorts early next year. Information on this will be released later this month/early December.

#### <u>1st Panel Discussion - Assigning a Measure of Life to SEM Program Savings</u>

- Big range of measure lives are used across programs today. 3-6 years got most votes from attendees for most appropriate measure of life.
- Upcoming Report by LBNL Investigating energy savings persistence and cost-effectiveness of SEM programs
- Current report by Energy Trust of Oregon focus on activities that drive savings
- It is really challenging to get to consistent protocols when it comes to cost-effectiveness can we in fact compare cost effectiveness?
- Much more room to consider do program implementers transfer the value of SEM to the customer?
  - > Key finding very few programs use some form of energy program assessment for customers
- General opinion measure life should vary within programs, but the reality is that it would be challenging in practice when considering different customers, O&M disaggregation etc.

## More Key Takeaways from Today's Workshop



#### More on 1st Panel Discussion - Assigning a Measure of Life to SEM Program Savings

- Be very cautious comparing one programs C-E value to another
- Most current SEM programs rely on secondary sources to establish EUL
- Lots of diversity in customers, programs should treat them uniquely
- Tension between short term savings and long term persistence
- Energy management Assessments helpful tool to gauge customer adoption of SEM
- Don't disaggregate O&M practices with specific measure lives

#### **2nd Panel Discussion - Emerging SEM opportunities**

- Still in early days when it comes to SEM programs incorporating broader IDSM elements
- COVID has driven innovation in SEM program delivery, including virtual technologies, on demand offerings
- Programs increasingly focusing on opportunities to support DEI objectives through SEM
- Programs utilizing quantitative/qualitative metrics to assess SEM effectiveness
- Considering transactional vs transformational SEM engagement the latter definitely changes relationships.
- NYSERDA now has an on-demand offering a response to not being able to meeting groups. 50001 Ready is the backbone to this program.  $^{52}$

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