

Residential Pilot Program Proposal

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Energy Savings

Program Innovation

Cost to Deliver

Why pilot a different delivery model from Mass Save HES?

- Mass Save HES: a fixed menu approach designed for delivery at scale, but doesn't fit the needs of all homes "I want to focus on the what the customer needs, not what measures the program offers"
- Complex program and comprehensive measures requires a lot of data collection and reporting "The program needs to be simpler, a lot of staff time is taken up with data entry"
- Residential Lighting savings are diminishing as EISA /DOE standards take effect

Recommendations: Pilot a contractor-led delivery model. Simplify and streamline data collection where possible



Program models discussed in RCWG

MA (HES)



 Savings based on statewide measure evaluation & model of each home

OR(Portland)



 Savings based on model of each home's energy use

CA (P4P)





- Savings tied to TOU metered results
- Portfolio averages out variability

Other New England states

Maine: Efficiency Maine - Home Energy Savings Program

- Contractor led model
- Paper audit option fixed rebates, low cost financing
- Model audit option performance-based
- Flexible insulation spray foam, cellulose, rigid foam
- Promoting non-fossil fuel option heat pumps, solar and biomass

Vermont: Home Performance with Energy Star

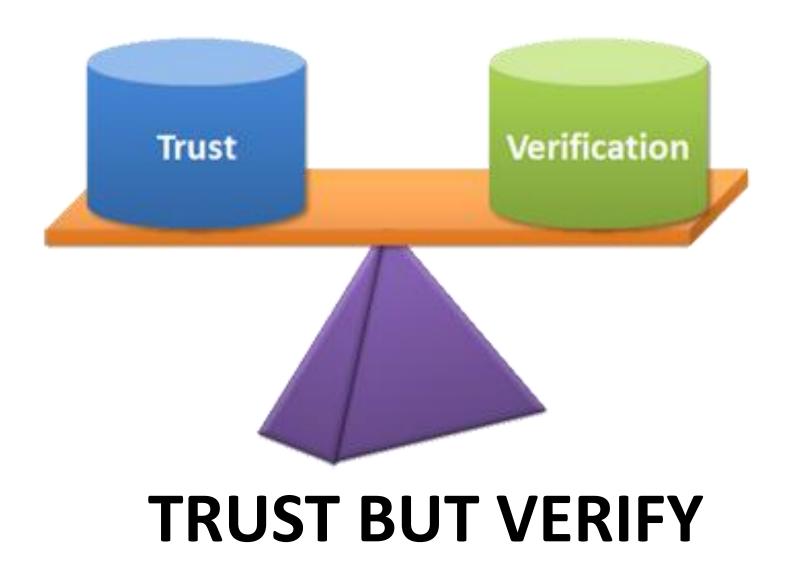
- managed network of qualified contractors who have knowledge of building science, and experience with a range of building types
- Program goals include promoting electrification



MA Summary: Pilot Straw Proposal

- Contractor-focused model:
 - Contractor audit and delivery
 - Open market pricing set by contractors
 - Contractor has the customer relationship, and liability
 - > Contractor and homeowner determine best solution for the house
- Performance-based; home-specific incentives:
 - > 2 audit options: Simple incentive or Modeled incentive for weatherization
 - Potential additional incentive based on before & after meter data compared to predicted savings (Meter data release form required)
 - Identify "top" contractors based on meter data (% savings, better than model)
- Leverage open-market Mass Save® rebates; add access to financing
 - > Regular non-HES Mass Save rebates for HVAC, appliances, etc.
 - Access to DOER Expanded HEAT loan and Solar loan
- Use innovative software/solutions to streamline process
 - Audit software from a HPXML provider; possibly usage-calibrated
 - ➤ Minimal audit option similar to Efficiency Maine, consider scannable forms
 - Real-time EM&V 2.0 streamline data collection (need utility billing data)





(more) Trust in Contractors

- Identify customers
- Set project scope
- Set project cost
- Receive incentives



Materials choice



















Verify energy Savings (more quickly)

- Existing QA/QC check measures installed
- Incentive requires customer usage data
- Compare modeled savings to bill savings
 - > 12 months pre and post install
- Feedback to contractors on portfolio
- Bonus incentive based on portfolio



Verify: Metrics for Contractors

- Depth of savings:
 - > Average bill savings per home
- Actual vs. Model:
 - > % bill savings relative to model prediction
- Cost of savings:
 - > Average \$/MMBtu per home
- All contractors see their own metrics
 - > Top 3 contractors made public



Innovations: EM&V 2.0

- Tracking fuel use savings allows for more rapid feedback to contractors and program vendors
 - > Opportunity to improve model predictions
 - > Rewards professional installation
- Pilot launched in 2017 needs early results to inform 3-year planning in 2018
- Provides an opportunity to true-up savings from modeled or deemed savings estimates





2 AUDIT PATHS - CONVERGE

Home Audits: 2 Contractor options 12 month true-up – Sample numbers

SIMPLE AUDIT		ENERGY MODEL AUDIT		
Audit/Assessment	0	Energy model audit 150		
Minimal set of home data	40			
Air sealing w/ blower door Insulation:	700	Air sealing w/ blower door 125 \$/mmbtu Whole house		
Attic	1000	5% - 20% 125 \$/mmbtu		
Wall	1000	20% - 40% 150\$/mmbtu		
Basement	700	>40% 160\$/mmbtu		
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Upfront Incentive	\$ 1,740 \$ 3,440	Upfront Incentive \$ 2,500 \$ 4,300		
Billing data Savings	1 year bonus	Billing data 1 year bonus		
5% - 20%	125 \$/mmbtu	5% - 20% 125\$/mmbtu		
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Average Total after 1 year bonus (requires min. of 20 homes)	\$ \$ 2,600 \$ 4,300	\$ 2,600 \$ 4,300		



1. Simple audit option – Flat incentives

- No Lighting or other ISMs required
- Simple Audit data collection fee \$40
- Air sealing: \$700
- Walls or Attic: \$1,000
- E.g. Total Prescriptive incentive \$1,740
- Good chance of higher total savings
- Usage Data release form allows tracking of meter savings
 - ➤ 12 month true-up potential for significant additional incentive payment.



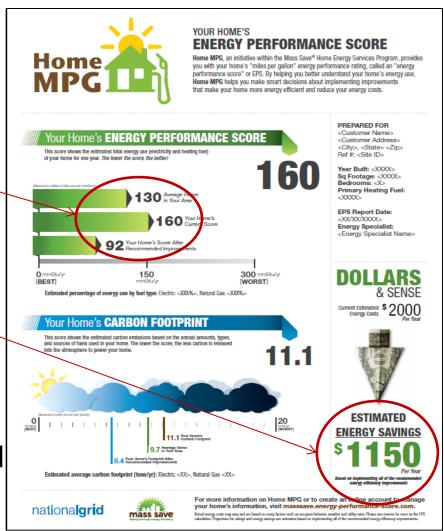
2. Model Audit option – performance-based incentives

- Similar in many respects to existing Mass Save home assessment
- Differences:
 - ➤ No Lighting or other ISMs required
 - > Contractor/customer choice on measure mix
 - > Utility data collection required for incentive
- Incentive for model audit and blower door result
- Incentive in \$\$/MMbtu saved based on project specific modeled estimate



Innovations: Customer Scorecards

- Scorecards provide an asset based estimate of a home's annual energy consumption that can be easily compared to other homes.
- Scorecards would provide homeowners an easy-tounderstand summary of MMBtu based incentives.
- Updated scorecards show homeowners their improved performance





Energy Model Audit example

- Contractor assessment
 - ➤ Energy Model audit fee \$150
- Recommended air sealing and spray foam attic measures
 - ➤ Modeled incentives total \$2,500
- Data release form allows tracking of meter savings
 - ➤ 12 month true-up limited potential for additional incentive payments.



12 month data true-up - Savings

- Collect actual meter savings weather adjusted
- Compared to model savings
- Each home has + or net savings
- Require 20 homes or more in portfolio
 - Contractor can claim bonus on net savings (ie. Performance better than model)
 - Contractor can wait for larger portfolio (potential for larger savings)



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NEXT STEPS

Innovations: Fuel switching incentives

- State RCS regulations allow for fuel switching
- Current Mass Save programs are fuel neutral but don't promote fuel switching
- DOER working on quantifying savings where primary heating fuel is changed. Examples:
 - ➤ Oil to Air-source heat pump
 - > Propane to Biomass pellets
 - Solar PV or solar thermal reducing load



Selection of vendors

- DOER RFP going out soon
 - ➤ Selecting Lead Vendor
 - > Selecting Software providers
 - ➤ Selecting QA/QC
- Preference is for teams with experience in performance-based program delivery
- Contractor recruitment begins once vendors are finalized – Late spring/early summer



Contractor selection

- All contractors eligible
- Qualifications required BPI or equivalent certification, and minimum field experience
- If over-subscribed selection based on lottery and geographic coverage



Questions? Comments

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Data collection challenges

- Oil / Propane usage data
 - How do we quantify oil or propane savings without a meter?
- Electric and Gas meter data
 - > Access to meter data: customer or PA release?
- Fuel switching / PV systems
 - How do we count MMBtus in situations with a fuel switch?
- Remodeling projects
 - ➤ How do we count incremental costs of EE in a larger (e.g. ice-dam repair, or kitchen remodel) project?
- Evaluation: Rebound/comfort effects
 - WiFi Thermostat data or sub-metering sample?

