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## **SENSE OF THE COUNCIL ON THE 2014 IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE AND KEY ACTIONS**

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The Implementation Update is a new tool for reviewing and assessing energy efficiency program progress during the implementation of a Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan. On March 17, 2014, the Program Administrators (“PAs”) prepared the Implementation Update and distributed the PA documents to the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council (“EEAC”) for review. During the EEAC meeting on April 8, 2014, the EEAC Consultants identified and presented five initial findings. On May 13, 2014 the EEAC approved its Positions on the Implementation Update. On September 9, 2014 the EEAC Consultants presented their findings and requests for EEAC actions regarding the Implementation Update.

The EEAC has found the Implementation Update to be a useful mechanism for reviewing and assessing progress part way through the implementation of the 2013-2015 Plan. The Implementation Update supports important functions of the EEAC by enabling the EEAC to not only review past progress in 2013 but also to analyze the PA-forecasts and anticipated adjustments for 2014-2015, in the context of the Three-Year Plan framework approved by the Department of Public Utilities.

As a result of its review of the Implementation Update, and to further support the efforts of the PAs in meeting or exceeding the 2013-2015 Three-Year Plan goals, the EEAC requests that the PAs and the EEAC Consultants:

1. Develop and institute standardized processes for assessing and deciding on new energy efficiency related ideas and approaches with the goal of consistent statewide implementation and the identification of a clear action to be taken and communicated (e.g., accept, modify, or reject, with justification). This could include developing new and/or clarifying and enhancing existing processes.
  - Focus on mechanisms for C&I, Residential, and Low Income.
  - Consultant Team report on progress monthly to DOER as the EEAC Chair.
  - PAs and Consultant Team present mechanisms and an update on implementation by November 30, 2014.
  
2. Develop a report to the EEAC to provide key indicators on C&I pipeline progress with data provided at aggregated levels to ensure privacy of individual customer data.
  - Include the number of projects and the projected average savings per project.
  - Assessment of savings probability
  - Cover the current year and the next two years, for all C&I initiatives
  - PAs and Consultant Team submit a draft for the November 2014 EEAC meeting (parallel to the year-end forecast in the Q3 quarterly report). If the EEAC approves, provide the full data set in early December 2014.

3. Increase the promotion and installation of LEDs in 2014-2015, assess a complete exit of CFLs from programs for 2016-2018, and achieve nation-leading Retail Lighting initiative savings by all PAs.
  - Increase the promotion and direct installation of LEDs using consistent protocols across initiatives.
  - Begin to exit CFLs from market segments in 2014-2015, starting with certain specialty lamps. Assess a complete exit of CFLs from the programs for the next Three-Year Plan.
  - Achieve nation-leading Retail Lighting initiative annual savings as a percentage of residential sales (about 1.4%-1.6%) by all electric PAs.
  - PAs and Consultant Team report to the EEAC on these actions by November 30, 2014.
  
4. Pursue a fully integrated and distinct multifamily effort, and explore establishment of a new multifamily initiative, program, or sector.
  - Develop a strategy for this action.
  - Consider the impact of such action on the Residential and C&I program goals and implementation potential in the 2016-2018 Plan, and consider the regulatory and accounting implications.
  - PAs and Consultant Team provide an initial report to the EEAC on the progress and next steps by January 31, 2015.
  - Continue to make improvements to existing Residential multifamily and C&I retrofit initiatives in the meantime, for example:
    - Identify new or enhanced measure opportunities for deeper savings, including enhanced approaches to air sealing and ventilation system improvements.
    - Enable residential vendors to screen and process more measures that currently fall under the C&I programs.
    - Establish a multifamily offering similar to the C&I retro-commissioning model, but customized for multifamily.
  - PAs provide updates on such in-the-meantime efforts in the PAs' quarterly reporting to the EEAC and DPU.